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# OF
# COMMON COUNCIL
# OF
# JERSEY CITY.

1854–55.

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# MANUAL

OF THE

# COMMON COUNCIL

OF

# JERSEY CITY,

## FOR THE ALDERMANIC YEAR OF

1854--55.

## MAYOR.

DAVID S. MANNERS.

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

### FIRST WARD.

JAMES S. DAVENPORT,
GEORGE S. GARDNER,
THOMAS W. JAMES,*
JAMES R. THOMPSON.

### SECOND WARD.

JEREMIAH B. CLEVELAND,
JOSEPH G. EDGE,
JOHN H. LYON, PRESIDENT,
JUSTUS SLATER.

### THIRD WARD.

HENRY A. GREENE,
SELAH HILL,
JOHN H. LOW,
WILLIAM WHITE.

### FOURTH WARD.

WILLIAM KEENEY,
RICHARD R. RAPPLEYEA,
SAMUEL R. TYRRELL,
GEORGE WHITLOCK.

## CITY CLERK.

GEORGE W. CASSEDY.

## CITY MARSHAL.

NATHANIEL ELLIS.

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* Thomas W. James resigned his seat as a Member of the Common Council June 13, 1854, and at a Special Election held in the First Ward, July 11, 1854, Timothy L. Smith was elected to fill the vacancy. Alderman Smith took his seat on the 18th July, 1854, and on the 18th December following he died.

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## COMMON COUNCIL OF JERSEY CITY.

### BOARD OF 1854 AND 1855.

Pursuant to the provisions of the city charter, the Common Council met at the Common Council Chamber on Monday May 1st 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present all the members of the Board, viz:

Aldermen Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Keeney, Low, Lyon, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. James was appointed President *pro tempore.*

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board proceeded to the election of its President.

On motion of Ald. Gardner, it was.

Resolved, That a majority of the whole number of votes cast shall be necessary to an election.

Ald. Low, and Thompson were appointed Tellers.

A balloting was laid with the following result.

John H. Lyon received 10 votes.
James S. Davenport received 3 votes.
Joseph G. Edge received 1 vote.
Justus Slater reeeived 1 vote.
One blank was cast.

Whereupon John H. Lyon was declared elected President of the Common Council for the coming year.

Ald. Davenport and Gardner were appointed a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

The Committee performed the duty assigned to them, and the President returned his thanks to the Board, for the honor conferred on him.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board proceeded to the appointment of City Clerk.

Ald. Low, and Thompson were appointed Tellers.

A balloting was had with the following result.

George W. Cassedy received fifteen votes.
One blank was cast.

Whereupon G W. Cassedy was declared appointed City Clerk for the coming year.

On motion of Ald. James the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the Board to appoint *viva voce a City Marshal;* and.

On motion of Ald. James Nathaniel Ellis was unanimously appointed city marshal.

On motion of Ald. Slater it was.

Resolved, That the rules of order of the last Common Council be continued for the present as the rules for the government of the present Board, and that a committee of three be appointed to draft and report new rules of order.

Ald. James, Davenport, and Hill were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald. Slater it was.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor and inform him that the Common Council is organized and ready to receive any communication he may desire to make to them

Ald. Slater, Thompson, and James were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald. Edge the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Committee appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor having retired 'subsequently returned, and on the reassembling of the Board reported that the Mayor congratulated the Board on its prompt organization, and would commnnicate with them by message at an early day.

Ald Rappleyea, moved" That the Board do now proceed to the appointment of City Treasurer, pending the discussion of which motion.

On motion of Ald. James the Board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, May 2, 1854.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

The President was absent at the calling of the roll, but appeared during the reading of the minutes, and took his seat.

Absent—Ald. White.

In the absence of the President at the opening of the session, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. James was appointed President pro tempore.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President announced the following standing committee:

*Finance*—Ald. Thompson, James, Cleveland.
*Laws and Ordinances.*—James, Hill, Tyrrell.
*Schools.*—Greene, James Slater.
*Fire and Water.*—Edge, Thompson, Low.
*Streets.*—Hill, Davenport, White.
*Alms.*—Slater, Edge, Whitlock.
*Police and Licenses.*—Gardner, Slater, Davenport.
*Assessments.*—Davenport, Thompson, Cleveland.
*Public Grounds and Buildings.*—Rappleyea, Greene White.
*Lamps.*—Tyrrell, Gardner, Rappleyea.
*Watch.*—Cleveland, Tyrrell, Keeney.
*Ferries and Wharves*—Keeney, Greene, Hill.
*Sewers.*—White, Keeney, Rappleyea.
*Public Health.*—Whitlock, Edge, Low.
*Saleries Offices and Elections.*—Low, Gardner, Whitlock.

Petitions, Communications etc., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Robert C. Bacot and others, to have a main sewer built in South Fifth street from the mill creek to the Hudson River etc. Ref: to committee on sewers, and the third Tuesday in May instant appointed as the time for receiving objections to the contemplated improvement; and the City Clerk directed to publish the requisite notice of such application.

Petition of Charles F. Betts, and others, to have sunken lots on south side of Bright street, between Barrow street and Jersey avenue filled up etc., Ref to committee on public health.

Official bond of Lorenzo Jaquins, as collector of Taxes, with Thomas W. Morehouse, Abraham Post and William Coleman, as sureties. Ref. to committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Nathaniel Ellis, $47 31; and Charles M. Holmes, $19 50; Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of S. Quaife, $12 50; Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of E. Morris, $175. Ref. to Committee on Salaries, Officers and Elections.

Of William Eaton, $20; J. F. Richardson, $20 and J. F. Richardson, $3 90. Ref. to Committee on Lamps.

Of J. F. Richardson, $8; Charles M. Holmes, $6 50, and City Watchmen, $670 78. Ref. to Committee on Watch.

Of Daily Telegraph, $277,75; and Terrence Burns, $1 50. Ref. to Committee on Finance.

Of James Wiley, $5. Ref. to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Of Charles M. Holmes, $3 25. Ref. to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of S. Billington, $3. Ref. to Committee on Alms.

Of Terrence Divine, $25. Ref. to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

The City Treasurer's report for April 1854, showing a balance of $317 39 in the treasury on the 1st inst., subject to draft for Improvement Certificates and redemption of lots, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, it was.

Resolved, That all unfinished business of the last Common Council be referred to the appropriate standing committees of the present Board.

Ald. Low stated to the Board that he declined serving on any of the standing committees on which he had been appointed.

In unfinished business, the motion of Ald. Rappleyea before the Board at the time of its adjournment on the first instant, came up for consideration, viz.:

"That the Board do now proceed to the appoint- of City Treasurer."

Ald. Davenport moved "that the motion be laid upon the table, until after the presentation of the ordinance fixing the salaries of city officers."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. White.

On motion of Ald. James it was

Resolved, That the joint committee on laws and ordinance, and salaries, offices and elections, be instructed to prepare and report to this Board at its next regular meeting, an ordinance fixing the salaries of the city officers.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, May 16, 1854.

Present—All the members of the Board.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communcations, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Communication from John D. Ward, Esq., President of the Board of Water Commissioners, announcing the resignation of Thomas A. Alexander as a member of that Board. Received and ordered filed.

Statement and petition of Teachers in the Public Schools in respect to the delay in the payment of their salaries. Ref. to Committee on Finance.

Petition of Charles J. Farley, Assistant Captain of the Watch, for an increase of pay of the city watchmen. Ref. to Committee on Watch.

Petition of A. A. Hardenbergh and others, for the abatement of a nuisance, consisting of a collection of filthy water in a sunken lot at the foot of Greene st. Ref. to Committee on Public Health with power.

Petition of Michael Corbett for permission to have the side walk in front of his house flagged, etc. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Petition of L. R. Baily and others, to have the deep gulley in Jersey street, near Bright street filled up.—Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Petition of M. B. Bramhall and others, for the appointment of Michael Farrel as a city watchman.—Laid on the table.

Petition of William H. Wood to be appointed city surveyor. Laid upon the table.

Petition of William S. Whitwell to be appointed city surveyor. Laid upon the table

Resignation of Andrew Clerk as city surveyor.—Received and ordered filed.

Official bond of William A. Pollard, as constable, with George W. Gregory and John S. Mortimer as sureties. Approved, and ordered filed.

Petition of John J Bouton and others to have a main sewer built in South Ninth or Bay street, from the Hudson river to Newark avenue, also the lateral sewers to connect with the same, agreeably to the plan of the Water Commissioners, and as shown on their map of the same. Ref. to committee on sewers; the first Tuesday in June next at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., appointed as the time for hearing objections to the proposed improvements; and the City Clerk directed to publish the usual notice of the application, and of the appointment of the time named for hearing objections thereto.

Official statement by the board of canvassers of the result of the election of Chief and Assistant Engineers of the Fire Department on the second inst.

On motion of Ald. Edge it was

Resolved, That the statement be received, and filed in the City Clerk's office; that the election of Samuel A. French as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department be approved and confirmed; that Robt. H. McCleary who has been nominated by the Fire Department as their First Assistant Engineer, be appointed to that office; and that Edgar Morris who has been nominaby the said Department, as their Second Assistant Engineer, be appointed such Second Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department.

Petition of John J. Bouton and others, to bave a main sewer built in South Seventh street, from the mill creek to the Husdon river, also the lateral sewers in Coles, and Monmouth streets to connect with the same, agreeably to the plan of the Water Commissioners, and as shown on their map of the same Ref. to Committee on Sewers; the first Tuesday in June next at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., appointed as the time for hearing objections to the proposed improvement; and the City Clerk directed to publish the usual notice of the application, and of the time named for hearing objections thereto.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows.

Of Special Police of 11th April 1854, $27, and Michael O'Donnel, 50 cents. Ref. to Committee on police and licenses.

Of L. A. Pratt & Co.. $1 50; L. A.Pratt & Co. $12 50; L. A. Pratt & Co. $25, and L. A. Pratt & Co. $1,75. Ref to Committee on Finance.

Of S. A. French $50.

Of James Flemming Junior, $9 50; George Morrow, $2 L. A. Pratt & Co.,$25; Benjamin Haines,$6; John C. Robbins, $6; and Jacob Weart, $6. Ref. to Committeee on salaries, offices, and elections.

Of George Morrow, $3;. Ref to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings

Of George Morrow, $118 78;. Ref to Committee on Lamps.

Of W. B. Shotwell, $10; Thomas Newham, $6 25; of L. A. Pratt, & Co., $1 75; and George Morrow, $6 56;. Ref to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of George Morrow, $4;. Ref to Committee on Watch.

Of Drayton and Durant, $70 07; and Jersey City and Harsimus Cemetery Co., $55 50;. Ref to Committee on Alms.

Of William Pitcher, $8. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of Clerk & Bacot, $50; Clerk & Bacot, $35; William Moore, $15 63; William Moore, 23 75; John Arbuckle, $1712 92, and John Arbuckte, $892 27.—Ref. to committee on streets.

Of George W. A. Everitt, $65. Ref. to committee on assesments.

The following claims and accounts referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid.

Of Daily Telegraph, $276 75; S. Quaife, $12 50; Charles M. Holmes, 19 50; Nathaniel Ellis, $47 31; City Watchmen, $670 78; Charles M. Holmes, $6 50; J. F. Richardson, $8; William Eaton, $20; J. F. Richardson, $20; E. Morris, $175; Terrence Beirne, $25; J. F. Richardson, $3 90; and Terrence Beirne, $1 50.

Reports of committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of special committee appointed on the 1st inst., to report rules of order; the committee reporting the rules of the late board with sundry amendments. Report received and committee discharged. The rules reported were read, considered and adopted.

On motion of Ald. James, it was

Resolved, That the City Clerk be instructed to have fifty copies of the the rules of order printed for the use of the Common Council.

By Joint Committee on Laws and Ordinances and Salaries, Officers and Elections, an ordinance entitled "An ordinance fixing salaries for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four." Ordinance laid upon the table.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances reported as incorrect the claim of James Wiley, amounting to five dollars, referred to said committee on the 2d instant. Report received.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred on the 2d instant the official bond of Lorenzo Jaquins, as collector of taxes, reported that the same is in due form, and recommended that it be approved of and filed. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred on the 18th April last, the proposals of W. A. Cummings and John Arbuckle, for the contracts to regulate South 8th street, between Grove street and Newark avenue, and to regulate South 6th streets, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, presented a report recommending that all the proposals be rejected.and that the committee be authorized to advertise again for proposals. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred on the 2d instant the petition of Robert C. Bacot and others, for the construction of a main sewer in South 5th street, etc., reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Board of Water Commissioners to construct the main sewer petitioned for by R. C. Bacot and others. in South 5th street, from the Mill Creek to the Hudson River. Also the lateral sewers in South Fourth and South Sixth streets, according to the plan of city sewerage heretofore adopted. and to assess the expenses of the same upon the property benefitted thereby.

Report received and resolution adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred on the 18th April last, sundry proposals for street contracts, reported that they had accepted the following viz:

Of James F. Fielder, for the regulation of Grand street, from Van Vorst street to Grove street.

Of Jsmes F. Fielder for the regulation of the north side of Railroad avenue from Jersey street to Brunswick street.

Of James F. Fielder. for the regulation of York st., between Warren and Henderson streets.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was.

Resolved, That the contracts be executed on the part of this corporation with James F. Fielder for the improvements named by his Honor the Mayor, and by the City Clerk, under the seal of the city, and that the bonds which accompany said proposals be filed in the comptrollers office

The committee on streets reported the following entitled ordinances viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, flagging side walks, and laying crossings at the intersections in South Fourth street, between Erie street and Coles street, or so much thereof as has not been done."

"An ordinance to provide for regulating, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, flagging, side-walks, and laying cross-walks at the intersections, except so much of the above mentioned work as is now done, in South Second street, between Grove street and Coles street."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, laying cross-walks. and flagging the sides walks, or so much thereof of as is not already done,in Gregory street from the intersection of Montgomery street to Henderson street."

"An ordinance to provide for grading, regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, and flagging or so much thereof as is not already done. in South First street, between Grove street and Erie street." The ordinances were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Streets returned sundry bonds which accompanied proposals for street improvement contracts which have been rejected, and on motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized to return said bonds to the parties by whom they were executed.

Ald. Davenport, from the Committee on Assessments, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That four per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating the north side of Railroad ave., between Newark avenue and Prospect street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following votes, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Keeney, Low. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The annual message of his honor the Mayor was presented, read, ordered to be published in the Corporation paper in the minutes of the Common Council, and five hundred copies ordered to be publsshed in pamphlet form under the direction of the City Clerk.

The message and accompanying documents being as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, May 1, 1854.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I had hoped that a period of six years devoted to the public service, would have justified me in claiming exemption from further duty, but I find myself again called upon to address you officially, and if my own wishes may be regarded, for the last time; and to express my thanks for the confidence so generously bestowed upon me by my fellow citizens, who have for a third time honored me by calling me to the high and responsible position of Chief Magistrate of this growing and prosperous city.

I am fully conscious of the many difficulties which surround my possition, and the experience of my public life has taught me that I shall often require the indulgence of those, whose confidence has been so freely conferred upon me, and relying upon that, I shall be animated in all my official actions by an earnest desire to advance the welfare and prosperity of our city, to secure to all,those advantages and that liberty to which all are equally entitled, and to discharge fairly and impartially the responsible duties devolving upon me; to protect and guard the public interests, and with the same fidelity exert myself to preserve inviolate the rights of the humblest citizen.

I proceed now to address you in conformity with the provisions of the Charter, upon such topics as in my judgment may demand your attention.

## FINANCE.

The financial concerns of our city are justly entitled to our first regard; for cities, like individuals, can only maintain their position by adhering to a wise, discreet and judicious policy in the management of their affairs; practising economy without descending to meanness, and checking promptly every symptom of waste and extravagance.

There never has been in the history of our city any period when greater care and prudence, in the management of our financial concerns were demanded, than the present.

Our credit is as yet unimpaired, but it can only be sustained by a prompt discharge of every obligation incurred, whether to public or private creditors, and by so arranging the disposition of our finances, that those who repose faith in the security of our City Bonds, or other liabilities, may feel that every demand will be promptly and honorably met.

I am confident that you, gentlemen, sensible of the great responsibility which has devolved upon you, will so wisely and judiciously administer the affairs of our city, as to justify to the fullest extent the confidence reposed in you.

For a detailed exhibit of our financial condition I beg leave to refer you to the Comptroller's report, herewith submitted, and, while I advocate a liberal and judicious appropriation for the various purposes of our City Government, I feel that I do not transgress the bounds of my duty, in warning you against any lavish and unnecessary expenditure, and in exhorting you to confine your expenditures, as the Charter explicitly demands, strictly within the actual appropriations.

## ORDINANCES.

Much difficulty has been experienced of late years by the absence of the proper ordinances, necessary for the guidance and government of the various Departments, and this has been felt to an extent so great as to produce unpleasant consequences, by reason of the want of harmony of action of those controlling them.

I do not feel that this message is the proper occasion to specify the various cases which require immediate action on your part.

It is your duty to examine into the condition and requirements of the several Departments, and so to organize and regulate them, as to prevent the possibility of conflict for the future, and every ordinance which has proved inadequate should be repealed or so modified, that it can be properly enforced. To such an end I will gladly lend my hearty co-operation, and familiarized by many years of experience with these wants and requirements of our city, in this regard, I shall not feel at liberty to withhold any suggestions which may be demanded.

A thorough revision of all the ordinances enacted under our various charters, is absolutely necessary for the proper understanding of your rights, powers and duties.

The subject of assessments for the regulating and otherwise improving our public streets etc., is one of infinite importance, and unless regulated by judicious ordinances, great injustice may be done to many of our citizens, and may result in prolonged and vexatious litigation.

In my last annual message I referred to this matter in detail, and for my views and suggestions as to measures which seemed to me to meet the exigencies of the case, I refer you to that document.

The necessity for the organization of a proper Police force is so apparent, I am confident I have but to call your attention to it to ensure prompt action on your part.

Our city proper is growing so rapidly, and in view of our proximity to the great city of New York, and the further fact, that the termini of some of the most important railroads in the country are located in our midst, necessarily attracting among us, those who thrive by preying upon the community, render the presence of such a force necessary. A small, but well disciplined police force, composed of men of unmistakeable character, would tend to the security of those whose business brings them within our limits, as well as of our own citizens. This Department could be established at a very small additional expense to the city. The mode, however, of its organization and appointments, is properly within your province, and I can only proffer my co-operation in any measures which may tend to the accomplishment of an object so much needed.

Another subject, from its importance commends itself to your attention. I allude to the necessity for some established regulation as to the character of the buildings to be hereafter erected in our city.

From the peculiar locality and character of the ground within the city limits, it is perhaps not possible at the present time to establish any restrictions within any fixed line or street running through the city, but to meet the possible contingencies which may arise, it would seem to me not partial or improper, to permit this matter to be governed by the views of the property owners, and so regulated by an ordinance. Thus if the owner or owners of a majority or two-thirds, of the lots in any block, should make application to the Common Council to have the erection of wooden buildings prohibited thereon, and they shall direct such application filed in the office of the City Clerk thereafter their erection shall be forbidden on such block.

In this wise, without inflicting injury to any parties, and without interfering with the buildings now, and about to be erected, a most desirable reform could, in my judgment, be accomplished. This subject is well worthy your attention, and I have but thrown out this suggestion, rather as my own views, than with any purpose of controlling your action.

## CITY MAP.

Very soon after the new organization of our City Government under the present Charter, measures were adopted for the compilation of a general City Map, with a uniform system of street numbers, the want of which had long been most seriously felt. Proposals were issued for the execution of the work, and a contract was entered into with Mr. John Bevan, one of the City Surveyors, who stipulated to furnish a new map of the city from actual survey, with assessment maps on a large scale, (conforming otherwise to the general map,) bound up for each ward; also to prepare and establish an uniform system of street numbers—to erect 100 marble monuments—to establish the line and grade of the various streets, and to have the whole completed in the early part of the year 1852. Nothwithstanding the great necessity existing for this measure, I regret to say it has not yet been completed; and if the present Contractor will not complete it forthwith, I would suggest the expediency of making a contract for the work with some other party.

The multiplicity of maps now in use, with their duplicate and irregular lot numbers, have already caused serious embarrassment in making Assessments for Taxes, and the various improvements, and in many cases lots have been sold for assessments by arbitrary and fictitious numbers. If this great evil is not immediately remedied there will be no security for the holders of property, and it cannot fail to lead to interminable difficulties and prolonged litigation.

It will also cause equal embarrassments to the Water Commissioners in laying Assessments for Water Rents and perfecting their work.

In receiving proposals for the map alluded to, or in case the present Contractor should at once proceed with the work, I would suggest that the numbering of the streets on the proposed map commence at Atlantic street, on the east side of the city, as laid down on the "Shore Map" adopted by the late Common Council, and number westward to Mill Creek; commencing again at Ocean street on the the south, and number northward to the Hoboken line.

In view of the early execution of this work, I would also suggest the propriety of enacting Ordinances, at once, for extending Warren, Washington, Greene and Hudson streets, in a direct line from their present termini at Harsimus street, until they intersect the Hoboken line, as projected on the "Shore Map" above named; also for opening and connecting Gilbert street with Brunswick, Putnam with Monmouth, Varick with Coles, and Barrow with Erie street, that the map may conform to these proposed alterations of the streets; all of which, in my judgment, would add much to public convenience, and tend to give uniformity to our streets as well as beauty to our city. This matter is so important I trust no unnecessary delay will occasion its prosecution.

## PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The necessity for providing suitable accommodations for the various public offices, grows and strengthens with each year of our municipal existence, and I trust this important subject will receive that attention which, on examination, must convince you it demands.

A central location for our present population, on some business street, should at once if possible be procured, and buildings erected for temporary occupancy, which could be so constructed as to relieve the city from rents, or at least produce an income sufficient to pay the interest on the outlay, and which might in a few years, when a permanent location should be fixed upon, be disposed of, not only without loss, but to the actual advantage of the city.

All of the public offices should be centred in one building so far as practicable, not only for the prompt dispatch of public business, but for the convenience of our citizens who have business to transact with the various officers of the city government.

## LAMPS AND GAS.

In my last annual message I adverted to the subject of lighting the city, at great length, and for my views which remain unchanged, I refer your Honorable Body to that document.

The necessity for a thorough system of lighting the public streets is so obvious, I can only express my regret that any obstacles should have interfered to prevent it. Neighboring cities are lighted with gas on what seems to me to be fair and equitable terms, and our own city ought to possess the same advantages, but I cannot give my sanction to any measure which would benefit only a portion of the city, while another would be totally neglected.

The privilege of laying gas in our streets was granted to the Gas Company on the conditions contained in a resolution passed Nov. 18, 1851, which is as follows :—

Resolved, That the Jersey City Gas Light Co. have permission to open the streets of the city, under the direction of the committee on streets, and under such restrictions as said committee shall establish, for the purpose of laying their street mains : provided, that the same shall not be kept open longer than shall be necessary, and that the same shall be left in as good condition as they now are ; provided, that the memorialist first agree in writing duly executed, to supply gas to the city, and to private consumers at as low rates as gas of an equal quality shall be supplied in the city of New York.

The Company have derived all the advantages which they anticipated, while the stipulations on which they were granted does not appear to have been properly fulfilled. Our streets are now as they have been for some years past, lighted with camphene, and unless a contract can be entered into with the Gas Company on terms which shall be mutually advantageous the present system must prevail.

The rapid growth of our city admonishes us, that we should take every reasonable precaution for the security of life and property, to which nothing is more conducive than well lighted streets, and I trust the importance of this subject will commend itself to your attention.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The condition of our Fire Department is now prosperous, and its condition such as to justify the conviction that it is equal to any emergency.

It has been a source of regret that during the past year the harmony of the Department was destroyed by untoward circumstances, but it has been fully restored, and the community may now again regard it with pride and confidence.

The duties which the members discharge voluntarily are arduous, and hazardous, and measures should be taken to sustain the Department in the highest state of efficiency.

For the statement of the actual working condition of the various apparatus I refer you to the late report of the Chief Engineer, and would recommend that suitable appropriations be made for this Department, so that it may in efficiency and means keep pace with the rapid growth of our city.

## ALMS HOUSE AND WORK HOUSE.

The condition of the institution for the care and maintenance of our poor, is prosperous, and under the management of the present capable and efficient Superintedent has abundantly answered the purposes of its organization.

An interesting and detailed statement of the operations of the institution, with the current expenses of that Department for the fiscal year ending May 1, 1854, will be found in connection with the report of the Superintendent, to which I refer you.

Each year, in my judgment, adds to the necessity for the erection and organization of a Work House.

The number of poor thrown upon our charge increases with the growth of our city, and while we should ever freely extend the helping hand to the deserving and unfortunate poor, the idle, the dissolute, and the abandoned, who prefer the certainty of support at public expense, to the possible chances of earning that support by their industry, should be compelled to contribute something to relieve the city of the burthen which they impose upon it.

Work houses have been established by a number of our populous cities, and have invariably proved successful in their operations.

The city of New York has recently established one, and the results thus far have been so satisfactory, that a large sum has been appropriated for the purpose of enlarging it, and adding to its usefulness. Such an institution is needed in our city, equally with other cities, and I trust the necessity will not be permitted longer to exist.

## EDUCATION.

The cause of popular Education, than which none more noble or higher, could engage the attention of any legislative body, has signally prospered since my last Annual Message, under the control and management of the Board of Education, and this great blessing is now at the command of every citizen.

There are however but three Public Schools established, and the buildings occupied by two of them are not at all adapted to their purpose, and as the growing wants of the community seem to require additional accommodations, I would suggest the expediency of making appropriations for the immediate erection of one New School House, which will sufficiently enlarge the accommodations to meet the present wants.

Any reasonable expenditure for such an object would meet the concurrence of the entire community, for every citizen has a deep interest in the perpetuation of that free system of Education whis is the basis of our prosperity as a Nation, and upon which depend the suppprt of our Free Institutions, and the preservation of that Liberty which blesses us above all the Nations of the Earth.

## WATER AND SWERAGE.

The report of the Water Commissioners, presented in December last, shows a gratifying view of the condition and prospect of the work, connected with the introdution of pure and wholesome water into our city; much delay has occurred by reason of circumstances against which no foresight could have probably guarded, and the promise held out of having the entire work completed during the past year has not been fulfilled.

I trust, however, that as the the most serious obstacles have been overcome, this much desired measure will soon be consummated, and that on the anniversary of our national independence, our citizens will be enabled to join in a celebration of the completion of the work, and the introduction of the water into our city—and thus add another attraction to those which have already rendered our city so desirable as a residence.

During the past year a plan of sewerage was adopted which has been conceded by eminent engineers as the only proper one for a city located as is our own, and for this purpose a law was obtained at the last session of the Legislature, authorizing the construction of a tide water canal and the sewers on the plan adopted—with very proper forethought, measures have already been adopted to test the experiment on a small scale, before incurring the heavy expense of constructing sewers throughout the city, by building a sewer from the Hudson river to Mill Creek, through Essex, Van Vorst, Grand and Bright streets, and for the purpose of this experiment the Creek can be used as a substitute for the tide water canal.

The interests of our city imperiously demand the immediate construction of this work, and if possible it should be completed by the time the water is introduced into the city, and if this plan should prove, as I do not doubt it will successful, our city will soon be on a par at least with the best drained and best sewered cities of this, or any other country. There is nothing more conducive to the health of our citizens, and prosperity of our city, than thorough sewerage, and I am glad to be enabled to congratulate you upon the probable accomplishment of an object so desirable.

In this connection I would direct your attention to the necessity of adopting some temporary measures to remove at once the stagnant pools of water that are to be found in so many portions of our city—a measure fraught with such interests to the city, and whose necessity is so imperiously urged by every consideration of public health, should not be unnecessarily deferred.

## RAILROADS AND FERRIES.

We are all aware, gentlemen, how much of our prosperity is due to the railroads which terminate in our city, and how great the amount of business which they bring to our shores. Knowing this, and naturally anxious to lend every reasonable encouragement to facilitate their business, the city has from time to time granted to the New Jersey Railroad and Trans portation Company certain exclusive privileges, on conditions laid down in said grants. The Company are in the full possession of all the privileges thus acquired, without fulfilling the conditions upon which they were granted; and I reccommend early attention to this matter. We owe it to our constituents, that we should adopt every precaution to guard against the recurrence of the numerous and fatal accidents which have recently occurred. An ordinance was passed a little more than a year ago, permitting this company to pass through our city at a rate of 20 miles per hour, on certain conditions, which I believe have only been partially complied with: and inview of the great and constantly increasing travel, on the railroads which now traverse our limits, and to which I refer in another portion of this subject, it is evident that they must very soon either be compelled to resort to horse power, in passing through our city, or provide a greater means of security to life and property than has yet been proposed. The only means by which this could be accomplished would in my judgment, be by an archway or trestle work, which,in consideration of the distance and locality of the road from the deep cut at Bergen, is perfectly feasible, and would be attended with such expense as in view of the privileges conceded, ought readily and cheerfully to be borne by the Company. The experience of European cities has abundantly demonstrated that public safety and public convenience are best consulted by having railways which pass through them elevated above the streets. The Company has been so highly favored in all their requests by the authorities, and their wealth and importance so vastly augmented, it is to be hoped that they will at once take the inceptive steps to carry this measure into operation.

The regulation of their speed entirely remains with you, and I trust in view of the great and irreparable damages to life and limb so frequently sustained by our citizens, you will give it your early and earnest attention.

In this connection, I would call your attention to the Ferry in use by the Railroads and other corporations. From the annual reports of the New Jersey R. R. and T. Company it will be seen that in 1852 there passed over it (exclusive of commuters) the enormous number of 1,517,111 passengers,and in 1853,1,951,111,showing an increase in a single year of 454,000, equal to about 5,000 per day in 1852, and 6,200 per day in 1853. This, without referring to the vast amount of produce and merchandize transported by the Company, will afford an idea of the magnitude of their operations, and show also the necessity on our part of affording every reasonable facility of communication with New York.

Additional ferry accommodations are required, and I will call your attention to the fact, that by the terms of the lease to the Ferry Company from the city of New York, they are required to establish a branch ferry from Montgomery street to some point near Canal street

One branch of the New York Common Council has adopted a resolution requiring the establishment of this branch ferry, the other branch of the City Council has not as yet concurred in the measure, thereby neglecting to provide the necessary landing place.

The Ferry Company, I am informed, are ready to establish the ferry as soon as a slip can be obtained on the New York side, and the necessary accommodations erected.

The Pavonia Ferry Company, recently organized, has obtained a lease from the city of New York, and will,it is hoped, soon have their ferry in successful operation.

These facilities of communication with New York are of great importance to Jersey City, indeed they are prominent elements of our prosperity, and I trust will receive that attention and encouragement at your hands which their importance demands.

## WHARVES AND PIERS.

Since my last annual message, and in accordance with the suggestions then made, "a map of the shore around Jersey City" has been prepared for the regulation of our water front, and for the guidance of shore owners desirious of filling out and erecting wharf accommodations, which map was accepted and ordered filed in the office of the City Clerk, by the late Board.

For the purpose of commerce, we possess advantages of which few cities in this country can boast, and it should be our aim, as it is our duty, to improve these advantages so as to derive all the benefit which can accrue from them.

The wharves of our sister city are already overcrowded,and great delays are experienced by parties interested in shipping, in the loading and discharging of vessels. With our extensive shore front, sufficient for any possible demand of the commercial marine, we ought to take prompt measures to invite that commerce which now suffers for want of accommodation elsewhere. Every facility should be extended to parties owning the share front to fill out, and erect suitable wharf accommodations, which should be under the direction and control of the authorities, and I do not doubt that if proper encouragement was held out, our whole water front would,in a few years, be lined with commodious wharves, which, while they would be a source of profit to the owners, would tend to advance the prosperity of the city, and add greatly to its wealth by the commerce which those facilities would bring to our shores. I trust this subject will receive that attention which its importance merits, and that measures be taken to guard and improve those advantages which nature has so bountifully bestowed upon us, so that Jersey City may take her appropriate rank among the commercial cities of the Union.

## COMMITTEES.

I cannot close this communication without adverting, as I have done in each preceding message, to the necessity for more concerted and prompt action on the part of the various committees of your Honorable Body. The most vexatious delays, resulting sometimes in positive injury to third parties, are some of the fruits of a neglect on the part of committees properly to digest and prepare the measures committed to them.

It is, too, not an unusual occurrence for matters to be referred to them with power, involving important interests, and for appropriations to be placed at the command of committees, without any provision for their proper accountability. Although such a practice may not be strictly prohibited by the charter, yet a faithful adherence to the plain provisions of that instrument and of the ordinances under it, will best ensure correctness in the discharge of every duty, and any deviation from this course is sure to be attended with unpleasant, if not disastrous consequences. No expenditure on the part of any committee, nor any action contemplating expenditure,should ever be sanctioned without previous consent of the Common Council, and any departure from this rule will only serve to confuse and render unintelligible the accounts of the city.

I have now, gentlemen, adverted briefly to such topics as seemed to me to demand attention and action; my views upon many others have been fully set forth in other messages to which I would refer you, reminding you that while I have only the privilege of suggesting, to you is committed the power of carrying those suggestions to fulfillment, and the sole responsibility, so far the prosperity of the city is concerned, rests with you.

Gentlemen, you are about to enter upon the discharge of important duties, and to assume great responsibilities. The interests of a growing city are entrusted to you—a city possessed of natural advantages, excelled by none other on the continent—a city containing within itself all the elements of prosperity. You represent a constituency who are justly watchful of those to whom are committed such vast interests, and who have bestowed the highest confidence on you. Guard well that interest, and justify that confidence, and looking for help to Him who rules all destinies, so discharge every duty committed to you, that you may retire from the cares and responsibilities of public life, with the conviction that you have earned the *only* reward grateful to a public servant—the approbation of your own consciences, and the appreciation of your constituents. D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Jersey City, N. J., 16 May, 1854.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City:

In accordance with the requirements of the 10th section of the "Ordinance establishing the office of a Comptroller, and defining the duties of such officer," I herewith beg to submit the following statement, commencing at the period of my appointment, viz., the 1st of August, 1853, to the 15th March, 1854, the end of the fiscal year, viz., the following contracts made during that period with the Common Council, the amount of said contracts, amount paid by the city on account of the contracts, by the issue of Improvement Certificates, and the balance due from the city on account of the improvements, viz , with

| | Am't of Contract. | Am't paid by the issue of improvement certificates & warrants | Am't the city has rece'd on acc't of contracts. | Bal. due by the city on the improvem'ts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Arbuckle, regulating Erie street from Pavonia ave. to Michigan street | $9,423 40 | $6,323 75 | Nothing. | $3,099 65 |
| John Arbuckle, regulat'g Warren st. from Essex to Bergen streets, | Account not settled at 15th March, 1854. | | | |
| John Arbuckle, regulating & laying sidewalks, So. 8th st., bet. Grove and Newark avenue | do. | | do. | do. |
| John Arbuckle, reregulating So. 6th st. bet. Newark and Jersey avenues | do. | | do. | do. |
| John Arbuckle, flagging South 3d bet. Grove & Erie sts | do. | | do. | do. |
| John Arbuckle, paving Montgomery st between Grove and Henderson street | do. | | do. | do. |
| Daniel Keenan, regulating Prospect st, bet. Newark av. and Bay street | do. | | do. | do. |
| Daniel Keenan, filling in So. 8th bet. Newark ave. and Brunswick stret | 2,036 95 | 2,026 95 | 1,286 47 | 12 00 |
| Daniel Keenan, regulating Montgomery st. from Grove to Barrow streets | 938 29 | 1,117 56 | 817 28 overpaid | |
| Daniel Keenan, filling in York street from Grove to Barrow | Account not settled at 15th March | | | |
| Daniel Keenan, regulating Warren st. from Grand to Sussex st. repaving | Paid by the city. | | | |
| Daniel Keenan, paving, grading, etc., South 7th st. from Grove to Jersey av. | 3,073 33 | 3,171 54 | 1,355 62 overpaid | |
| Daniel Keenan, filling Grand st, bet: Van Vorst and Warren streets | 1,838 26 | 1,593 62 | 1,519 65 | 245 00 |
| Daniel Keenan, regulating R. R. av. from Prospect st. to Newark ave. | Account not settled 15th March, 1854. | | | |
| B. W. Ryder, regulating Morgan st. from Grove to Greene streets, | " | | " | " |
| A. Love, cleaning streets 1, 1 year | 1,600 00 | 800 00 | Due 1st Feb.<br>to Nov. 1853. | 400 |
| W. Rosevelt, carpenter work on engine house No. 2, $870 | | | | |
| Wm. Bumsted, mason work do. $1400 | 2,270 00 | 1,000 00 | | 1,270 00 |

Those contracts marked as unsettled have not come under my notice in the Comptroller's Books, up to the 15th March, 1854.

## STATEMENT

Showing the amount of the several appropriations made by the Common Council under the tax ordinance of 1853, and the amount expended under each, from 1st Aug. 1853, to 15th March, 1854.

| *Title of the Appropriations.* | Amount of Appropri'n. | Amount Expend'd |
|---|---|---|
| Lighting the Streets, | $3,000 00 | $2,237 55 |
| Support of Night Watch, | 8,000 00 | 6,881 79 |
| Supplying the city with Fresh Water, etc., | 500 00 | 197 35 |
| Repairing Streets, | 1,600 00 | 2,181 18 |
| Improvement of Public Grounds and Buildings, | 500 00 | nothing |
| Maintaining the Poor, | 3,000 00 | 1,018 65 |
| Supporting and maintaining Pub. Schools, | 6,000 00 | 4,402 90 |
| Erecting & maintaining School Houses, | 3,000 00 | 5,734 68 |
| Maintaining City Prison, | 500 00 | 391 84 |
| " Alms House, | 500 00 | 789 18 |
| Fire Engines & Fire Apparatus, | 2,500 00 | 973 75 |
| Payment of Int. on City Debt, | 2,500 00 | 1,859 00 |
| Extinguishment of temporary City Debt, | 5,000 00 | 8,500 31 |
| Payment of Salaries, | 4,500 00 | 3,574 45 |
| Cleaning Streets, | 1.600 00 | 800 00 |
| Building Engine Houses, | 3,000 00 | 1,205 20 |
| Contingent Expenses, | 2,000 00 | 6,171 77 |
| Sinking F'd to comply with special act of 1849, | 2,000 00 | nothing ch'd und acc't |
| Deficiency of appropriat'ns, 1852, | 6,000 00 | " " " |
| | $55,800 00 | $46,919 63 for 7½ mos |
| Add to the amount expended Amount of Warrants issued since the 15th March, 1854, to date | | 13,439 12 |

Making for nine months expenditure $60,358 75

A greater amount by $4,558 75 than was appropriated for a whole year's expenditure.

*Statement showing the Income of the City from 1st August, 1853, to 15th March, 1854.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Say from Pub. Grounds & Buildings | $82 44 | |
| " " Taxes of 1851 | 8 39 | |
| " " " of 1852 | 1,938 06 | |
| " " " of 1853 | 46,537 82 | |
| " " Fines and Licenses | 840 10 | |
| Total | $49,406 81 | exp. as above |

| | |
|---|---|
| Amt. of Taxes assessed for 1853, | $55,800 00 |
| Amt. received to 15th March 1854 | 46,537 82 |
| Balance of uncollected Taxes of 1853 | $ 9,262 18 |

*Statement showing amount of Money Borrowed by the City from 1st August, 1853, to 15th March, 1854, say*

Bond No. 28, dated 4th October, 1853. for $5,000 at 6 per cent., discounted by the Hudson County Bank, issued in pursuance of resolution of the Common Council 6th September, 1853, to defray current expenses, in anticipation of Taxes of 1853.

Also, Bonds No. 29 and 30, dated April 6, 1854, at 5,000 each, at 6 per cent., discounted by Hudson County Bank, to Bond No. 28, due on the 4th April, for $5,000, and to defray current and other expenses, issued in pursuance of resolution of the Common Council 4th April, 1854.

It may be proper to state there is no funds in the Treasury at present, and as the only source of revenue to the city at present, viz: the uncollected taxes of 1853, are coming in very slowly, some measures ought to be taken to raise means to meet the current and other expenses of the City until Taxes of 1854 can be collected.

Statement, showing probable amount that will be required to defray the expenses of the City, and meet its present outstanding obligations as they mature.

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|---|---|
| Say, from 1st May to 20 December, when the taxes are paid, equals nearly 8 months, current expenses for which time, judging from late monthly expenses will average at least $4000 per month | $32,000 00 |
| To meet Bonds 29 and 30 due 6 October '54 $5,000 | 10,000 00 |
| Outstanding unpaid Warrants to 2d May 1854, | 8,500 00 |
| | $50,500 00 |

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|---|---|
| Interest on City Bonds, &c., Stock, &c., falling due before 20th December, 1854, | 1,500 00 |
| Making a total of | $52,000 00 |

That will be required to save the credit of the City.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. HENDERSON, Comptroller.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 13th inst., was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, That a further appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars be allowed the Special Committee having had in charge the writing up of the financial books of the city, on account of the additional assistance which was required and obtained by the city comptroller, and for that purpose a warrant for two hundred and fifty dollars be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the said special committee.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
Jersey City May 13, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return without my approval a resolution making a further appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars to the special committee of twelve, who have in charge the writing up of the financial books of the city, on account of the additional assistance which was required by the Comptroller.

The history of this transaction is briefly as follows: On three several occasions I have returned with my objections to the late board, resolutions providing for the writing up of the city books, at an extra expense to the city, as it was the duty of the Comptroller, under the ordinances to have them promptly written and posted up, or in case they were received in improper condition, to report to the common council their condition, the delinquent officer, with his opinion as to the expense and necessary means to correct them.

A further resolution was passed on the 20th Dec., 1853, which is as follows:

"Resolved, That a special committee be appointed with instruction to have the financial books of the city written up under the direction of the comptroller, at an expense *not to exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.*" and under this resolution the Comptroller accepted the work by proceeding under its provisions and requirements.

On the 29th of April, a resolution was passed to pay the committee above named $250, which I have signed, as it was in accordance with the resolution of the 20tn of December.

The present resolution contemplates the further payment of $250, for the same services, while by the terms of the original resolution, the expense was *not to exceed* $250.

The original resolution became a law under the charter, and if the law was made in good faith, it certainly should not be violated.

Besides, I am informed that the Comptroller has presented a claim of one thousand dollars, in addition to his fixed salary, for the labor of writing up the books, and if this resolution could be legally approved, it would not pay the claim in full. Under these circumstances, and in further view of the fact, that the original resolution providing for this service *limited* the *expense* at $250. I cannot give it my official sanction.

It is not properly a subject for this communication, to speak of the manner by which our financial and city books are kept, but the circumstances of the case justify me in saying that the face of the Ledger does not now, and never has under our new organization presented, as it should do, a true representation of our city affairs. The mode of opening the accounts with the annual taxes, and the several appropriations, as well as for the different assessments is, in my judgment, radically wrong, and is not such as has been adopted in other and well regulated cities.

An isolated case will best illustrate the truth of this assertion—the tax account of 1853 appears closed on the Ledger, while there must be some eight or nine thousand dollars yet to be collected from that source, but does not so appear from the Ledger, and I believe this item is not in the financial statement as published; similar discrepancies in which a large amount can be shown with reference to our liabilities, which does not appear from the Ledger on the published statement made under the instructions of the committee.

I cannot close this message without expressing my disapprobation of the practice on the part of committees asking and receiving appropriations to be by them accounted for, and in the present case the committee to whom the appropriation is to be made have ceased to exist; so that no proper voucher for the expenditure could be received.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Greene Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner and Low.

Absent—None.

Ald. James asked to be, and on motion of Ald. Rappleyea was, excused from voting.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz.:

"Application to have Gregory street, from the intersection of Montgomery and Van Vorst streets, to, Henderson street, filled in to the established grade, to have curb and gutter re-set, to have side-walks and cross-walks relaid, and to have said street paved."

"Confirmation of assessment for the filling in of Morgan street, between Warren and Prospect streets."

"Confirmation of assessment for paving, etc., of Barrow street, between Bright and Grand streets."

"Application to have a main sewer built in South Fifth street, from the Mill Creek to the Hudson river; also the lateral sewers in South Fourth and South Sixth streets, to contract with the same, agreeably to the plan of the Water Commissioners, and as shown on their map of the same."

Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and Newark avenue."

"Application to have South Second street, between Grove and Coles streets, regulated, graded, paved, curbed, guttered, and the side-walks flagged four feet wide, except so much of said work as is now done."

"Application to have Mercer street, from Washington street to Warren street, filled to the established grade, curbed and guttered, and a four feet wide side-walk laid." Reports received and ordered filed.

A return by the collector of assessments of the unpaid assessments for regulation of "South Seventh street, between Grove street and Jersey avenue," of "Montgomery street, between Grove and Barrow streets," and of "Erie street, between Pavonia avenue and Michigan street," was presented, and referred to the committee on finance, with instructions to advertise and sell according to the property therein.

The Annual report of the Overseer of the poor and superintendent of the Alms House, was presented, read, and ordered to be published in the corporation paper.

A copy of the proceedings of a meeting of Hercules Fire Engine Company No. 3 held on the 20th April last, protesting against the use of the room for election purposes, in consequence of the injury caused to their engine by its removal etc., was presented from the chief Engineer of the fire department, received, and ordered to be filed.

Communications from the chief engineer of the fire department, were presented, announcing the following elections and expulsions, and on motion of Ald. Edge it was.

Resolved, That the elections be approved, the names enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership issued, and the proper entries of the resignations made by the City Clerk in roll book of the fire department.

By Engine Hook and Ladder Company No. 1—election of William Clark and Frederick Gram.

By Diligent Hose company. No. 3:

Election of Charles DeHart, William H. Bumstead and Mr. Flower.

By Hercules Engine company, No. 3 :

Election of C. Duncan, George Duncan, Thomas Kilroy, M. Smith, J. Scanlan, J. B. Taylor and H. G. Vanderbeek.

Expulsion of D. Dalton and Robert Miller.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department. announcing the decease of Robert A. Durfee and William Rose. formerly members of Hercules engine company No. 3, was presented, received and ordered filed.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on finance be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow for a period of *ten years*, the sum of *ten thousand* dollars, payable with interest, at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent per annum ; that the bond or bonds of the city be issued therefor in case such loan can be effected ; that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same under the direction of said committee, and that the seal of the city be affixed by the city clerk.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Edge.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred on the 2d instant, the City Treasurer's Report for April, 1854, reported the same correct. Report of committee received, and City Treasurer's Report ordered filed.

Ald Slater offered the following resolution :

Resolved. That so much of the Message of His Honor the Mayor, relating to the Police Department be referred to a Joint Committee of Police and Watch, to report thereon at the next regular meeting of the Common Council.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Standing Committees are hereby instructed to report without delay to the Committee on Finance the amount of monies which will be required during the present Corporation year, for the various departments under their charge, to enable the same to be embodied in the Annual Tax Ordinance for the current corporation year.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings are hereby authorized and instructed to have the trees in the public squares and streets of the city, trimmed and cleaned, at an expense not to exceed the sum of seventy-five dollars.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Ordinances be instructed to report whether resolutions confirming assessments for improvements are required under the charter to be presented to the Mayor for his approval, and that they be authorized to take legal advice on the subject.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to obtain from theSecretary of State a certified copy of the supplement to the city charter, passed at the last session of the Legislature, and to have the same printed.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a "Board of commissioners for assessments," as required by the supplement to the city charter.

Ald. Gardner and White were appointed as Tellers, and were continued as such during all the ballotings for city officers, had at this meeting of the common council.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell it was.

Resolved, That separate ballotings be had for each commissioner for assessments to be appointed.

A balloting was had for a member of said Board from the first ward with the following result.

David Gould received nine votes.

David Smith received seven votes.

Whereupon David Gould was declared appointed a member of said Board.

A ballotting was had for a member of said board from the second ward, with the following result :

Joseph W. Morgan received nine votes.

Benjamin O. Edge received six votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Joseph W. Morgan was declared appointed a member of said board.

Three ballotings were had for a member of said board from the third ward, with the following result :

*First Ballotting.*

E. P. Torrey received eight votes.

William J. Stitt received one vote.

John V. Brower received six votes.

Cornelius Van Vorst received one vote.

*Second Ballotting.*

E. P. Torrey received four votes.

William J. Stitt received five votes.

Joseph W. Morgan received one vote.

John V. Brower received five votes.

One blank was cast.

*Third Balloting.*

John V. Brower received eleven votes.

William J. Stitt received three votes.

Edward P. Torrey received two votes.

Whereupon John V. Brower was declared appointed a member of said board.

A balloting was had for a member of said Board from the 4th Ward, with the following result:

James Narine received fifteen votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon James Narine was declared appointed a member of said Board.

Ald. Edge moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

Ald. Davenport offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, On the — day of —— 185– a contract was entered into between the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City and Garret E. Winants, for the purpose of filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street; and whereas, said contractor has gone beyond the limits prescribed by the ordinance ordering and defining said improvement; and whereas one of the commissioners of assessments appointed by the Common Council for this improvement, has become ineligible by being elected a member of this Common Council: therefore be it

Resolved, That the bills of Garret E. Winant and John Bevan, city surveyor, for the filling of Morgan street, from the west side of Prospect street to the west side of Warren street, be referred to the Board of Assessors for assessment, with instructions to assess only so much of said bills upon the property benefitted thereby, as is included within the limits prescribed by the ordinance ordering said improvement, and by the conditions and limits of said contractor's contract.

Resolved, That the resolution appointing David Bedford, James S. Davenport and Henry M. Traphagan, Commissioners of Assessment, on the improvement for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect to the westerly side of Warren streets, and all subsequent resolutions referring to the same improvement be, and they are hereby repealed.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the board proceeded to the appointment of Water Commissioner in the place of Thomas A. Alexauder, resigned.

The following nominations were made.

Jonn Griffith by Ald. Hill.

William H. Talcott by Ald, Slater.

Frederick B. Betts by Ald. Tyrrell.

Henry M. Traphagen by Ald. Rappleyea.

John V. Brower by Ald. Whitlock.

Erastus Randall by Ald. Edge.

Ald. Edge by Ald. Hill.

A balloting was had, which resulted as follows:

John V. Brower received three votes.

Selah Hill received two votes.

John Griffith received six votes.

William H. Talcott received one vote.

Erastus Randall received one vote.

Frederick B. Betts received two votes.

One blank was cast.

Ald. Edge moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

Ald. Hill moved "That the balloting for Water Commissioner be suspended, and that the board proceed to the appointment of Street Commissioner.

Ald. Low moved to amend the motion by adding, "and that it be done by yeas and nays." The amendment was rejected.

Ald. Edge moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

Ald. Hill's motion was then adopted.

A balloting for street commissioner was then had with the following result:

Edgar Morris was nominated by Ald. Low.

Edgar Morris received seven votes.

Robert S. Gillman received nine votes.

Whereupon Robert S. Gillman was declared appointed street commissioner.

Ald. Edge moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then proceeded to the appointment of Weigher and Measurer.

Edge Morris was nominated by Ald. Gardner.

John Sylvester was nominated by Ald. Low.

A balloting was had with the following result.

Edgar Morris received twelve votes.

John Sylvester received three votes. One blank was cast.

Whereupon Edgar Morris was declared appointed weigher and measurer.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then proceeded to the appointment of Superintendent of Ferries, Wharves and Piers.

Edgar Morris was nominated by Ald. Hill.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Edgar Morris received thirteen votes,

John Sylvester received one vote.

Two blanks were cast.

Whereupon Edgar Morris was declared appointed Superintendent of Ferries, Wharves and Piers.

On motion of Ald. Greene the Board then proceeded to the appointment of City Attorney.

Richard D. McClelland was nominated by Ald Tyrrell.

Jacob Weart was nominated by Ald. Slater.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Richard D. McClelland, received twelve votes.

Jacob Weart, received two votes.

Edgar B. Wakeman received one vote.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Richard D. McClelland was declared appointed City Attorney.

On motion of Ald. James the board then proceeded to the appointment of City Treasurer.

Albert T. Smith was nominated by Ald. Gardner.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Albert T. Smith received fourteen votes.

Two blanks were cast.

Whereupon Albert T. Smith was declared appointed city treasurer.

On motion of Ald. Hill the board then proceeded to the appointment of Comptroller.

James M. Baker was nominated by Ald. Low.

David Smith was nominated by Ald. Cleveland.

A balloting was had with the following result:

David Smith received twelve votes.

James M. Baker received two votes.

David Henderson received one vote.

Edmund W. Kingsland received one vote.

Whereupon David Smith was declared appointed Comptroller.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then proceeded to the appointment of a corporation paper.

Ald. Whitlock nominated the Daily Telegraph.

Ald. Low nominated the Weekly News.

Ald. Low nominated the Jersey City Daily Union.

Ald. Tyrrell nominated the Daily Sentinel and Advertiser.

A balloting was had with the following result.

The Daily Telegraph received nine votes.

The Weekly News received five votes.

The Jersey City Daily Union received one vote.

The Daily Sentinel and Advertiser received one vote.

Whereupon the Daily Telegraph was declared appointed the corporation paper.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then proceeded to the appointment of Captain of the City Watch.

William A Pollard was nominated by Ald. James

John R. Benedict was nominated by Ald. Hill.

Charles J. Farley was nominated by Ald. Tyrrell.

A balloting was had with the following result.

Charles J. Farley received ten votes.

William A. Pollard received five votes. One blank was cast.

Whereupon Charles J. Farley was declared appointed Captain of the City Watch.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the board then proceeded to the appointment of Assistant Captain of the Watch.

A balloting was had with the following result:

James B. Dunn received ten votes.

Peter P. Post received one vote.

— Young received one vote.

Four blank votes were cast.

Whereupon James B. Dunn was appointed Assistant Captain of the City Watch.

On motion of Ald. Whitlock, the board then proceeded to the appointment of City Physician for the first and second wards.

William A. Durrie was nominated by Ald. Slater.

Edward O. Dummer was nominated by Ald. Gardner.

A balloting was had with the following result:

William A. Durrie received thirteen votes.

Edward O. Dummer received three votes.

Whereupon William H. Durrie was declared appointed City Physician for the First and Second Wards.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the Board then proceeded to the appointment of City Physician for the Third and Fourth Wards.

J. H. Vondy was nominated by Ald. Hill.

A balloting was had with the following result:

J. H. Vondy received thirteen votes.

J. D. Miller received one vote.

Two blanks were cast.

Whereupon J. H. Vondy was declared appointed City Physician for the Third and Fourth Wards.

On motion of Ald. Whitlock, the Board then proceeded to the appointment of a Water Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thos. A. Alexander.

Four ballotings were had with the following result:

*First Balloting.*

John V. Brower received four votes

Selah Hill received four votes.

John Griffith received five votes.

Frederick B. Betts received two votes.

William H. Talcott received one vote.

*Second Balloting.*

Selah Hill received six votes.

John Griffith received eight votes.

John V. Brower received two votes.

Ald. Edge moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

*Third Balloting.*

Selah Hill received seven votes.

John Griffith received seven votes.

John V. Brower received two votes.

*Fourth Balloting.*

Selah Hill received eleven votes.

John Griffith received three votes.

John V. Brower received two votes.

Whereupon Selah Hill was declared appointed Water Commissioner, in the place of Thomas A. Alexander, resigned.

On motion of Ald. Edge, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting, at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday May 23d, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. James, Lyon, Cleveland and Thompson, for the purpose of authorizing the Committee on Finance to borrow ten thousand dollars temporarily for the use of the city, in anticipation of the taxes for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four; of receiving and acting on proposals for sweeping and cleaning the streets for the current corporation year; of taking the necessary measures to have such sunken lots as are constantly covered with stagnant water either drained or filled up; and of considering and acting on the general ordinance, for the present year in relation to salaries.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Ald. Edge, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, and White, were absent at the call of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald. Davenport.

The object of the meeting was stated by the President.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on finance be authorized and directed to borrow, for the use of the city, the sum of ten thousand dollars, in anticipation of the taxes for the year 1854; and that a bond, or bonds of the city, signed by the Mayor, and sealed with the corporate seal, be issued therefor, payable in six months after the date thereof, with interest at six pr cent.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Thompson, Tyrrell and and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater and White.

Ald. Hill, from the Committee on Streets, presented three sealed proposals, received for sweeping and cleaning the streets of the city during the current corporate year.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from James Ward and William Clancy, John Headden and A. Love.

(Ald. Low and Rappleyea appeared and took their seats.)

On motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Reselved, That the proposals for sweeping and cleaning the streets of the city, opened and read at the present meeting of the Common Council, be referred to the committee on sreets, with authority to make a contract with the lowest bidder, if the committee deem it to the interest of the city to do so.

(Ald. Keeney appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance presented on the 16th August last, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling sunken lots," was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance was referred to the committee on laws and ordinances, with instructions to complete the same and report it back to the Common Council.

(Ald. Slater appeared and took his seat.)

The Commitee on Laws and Ordinances reported back with amendments, the ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filing sunken lots."

The ordinance as amended was then passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Keeney, Low, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Edge.

Ald. White appeared and took his seat during the taking of the yeas and nays, but was excused from voting.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Health be authorized to abate the nuisance, in consequence of stagnant water, standing on the block situated between Railroad avenue and Steuben streets, and east of Prospect and west of Warren streets, by causing the water to be drained therefrom, provided the expenses for doing the same shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

The resolution was lost, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Slater, James and Low:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Greene, Low, Slater and White.

Nays—Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Hill, James, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Edge.

The ordinance presented on the 16th instant, entitled "An ordinance fixing salaries for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four," was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was amended, and as amended, passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Greene, Hill, James, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Davenport.

Ald. Edge appeared and took his seat pending the consideration of the ordinance, but was excused from voting.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That any person or persons be allowed to drain the stagnant water from the block of ground between Railroad avenue and Steuben street and east of Prospect street and west of Warren street, provided it shall be done at his, or their own expense and under the direction of the street commissioner.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. James, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, May 30, 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Davenport, Thompson and Lyon, for the following purposes, viz. :—to take up and dispose of an ordinance on the table to embellish the public squares; to consider the Morgan street assessment; to approve of official bonds; to order contracts to be executed for cleaning and sweeping the streets, and to receive an invitation from the Common Council of Newark, to attend at the dedication of their new Common Council Chamber in Newark on the 31st instant.

Present—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Gardner was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, James and Slater.

The call of the meeting was read.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the following entitled ordinance, presented and laid upon the table on the 18th April last, was taken up for consideration, viz. :

"An ordinance to provide for the regulating and embellishing the public squares in Jersey City."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President,and Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, James and Slater.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bills of Garret E. Wynants for twenty-eight hundred, and fifty-five dollars and twenty cents, and of John Bevan for one hundred and forty-two dollars and seventy-five cents,presented Feb 15th, 1853, for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street, be referred to the Committee on Streets for Auditing.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Streets reported on the claim of Garret E. Winants, for $2,855 20, for filling in Morgan street, referred at this meeting of the Common Council, the report setting forth that the claim is correct for $2,511 20. The report was received.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred at this meeting of the Common Council the claim of John Bevan, amounting to $142 75, for surveys etc., on Morgan street, presented a report setting forth that said claim is correct for $125 55. The report was received.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the bill of Garret E. Winans, for $2,511 20, for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street,and the bill of John Bevan,for $125 55, for the surveys and maps for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street, be referred to the assessors appointed February 15th and March 15th, 1853, for said improvement.

The resolution was adopted.

(Ald. Gardner appeared and took his seat.)

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the assessors appointed to assess the benefits for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street, be permitted to withdraw the maps filed in the City Clerk's office September 27th, 1853, and April 25th, 1854.

The resolution was adopted.

The following official bonds were presented, read, approved, and ordered to be filed in the Comptroller's office, viz. :

Of Selah Hill, as water commissioner; Edgar Morris, as superintendent of ferries, wharves and piers; Robert S. Gillman, as street commissioner; Richard D. McClelland, as city attorney; and Nathaniel Ellis, as constable.

An invitation to the Mayor and Common Council from the Common Council of Newark, to attend at the dedication of their new Common Council Chamber on the 31st inst., was presented and accepted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

### COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, June 6th, 1854.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. James.

The minutes of the preceeding three meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of S. B. Van Dyke and others, to have an office procured, and a clerk employed, for his Honor the Mayor. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Petition of Daniel R. Vreeland, to be appointed a city watchman. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Patrick Maloney, for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Richard Creech, to be appointed a city watchman Laid upon the table.

Petition of John Francisco, for a license to peddle fruit, fish and vegetables. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Isaac B. Culver, and D. E. Culver, to be appointed city surveyors. Laid upon the table.

Communication from Peter N. Horsley, in relation to his duties and requirements as Pound Keeper of the Third Ward. Ref. to committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Pelition of Jamet S. Hutton and others for the appointment of Stephen Quaife, as Corporation Surveyor. Laid upon the table.

Petition of William Roosevelt to have South Second street between Jersey Avenue and Monmouth street regulated etc. Ref. to committee on Streets.

Communication from T. Robinson Rodgers Secretary of the J. C. F. D. F. Association, enclosing a copy of resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees of said Association, acknowledging the receipt of the donation made to that Fund by the Common Council. Received and ordered filed.

Invitation from the Order of United Americans to unite with them in celebrating the coming 4th July. Invitation accepted.

Petition of John Van Vorst for permission to fill up, grade etc. in front of his property in Prospect street between South 4th and South 6th street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Committee on Streets. Prayer of petitioner granted.

Petition of Henry Traphagen, in relation to sale of property belonging to him, for taxes etc. Ref. to Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

Petition of James Lightbody and others to have a main Sewer built on Newark and Railread Avenues, and Wayne street, from the Mill Creek or Bulls Head to the Hudson River, according to the plan of Water Commissioners.

Ref. to Committee on Sewers, the third Tuesday in June instant at 8 o'clock, appointed as the time for any objections to the application, and the City Clerk directed to publish the usual notice in relating thereto.

Petition of William H. Frazee, for a license to keep an Inn and Tavern, in the House on the corner of Grand and Hudson streets, known as the Washington House.

Ref. to Cimmittee on Police and Licenses.

Petition of Garret P. French to be apoointed a Sunday Policeman. Laid upon the table.

Remonstrance of Elnathan Topping and others, against the construction of a sewer in South 7th st.

Ref. to committee on Sewers.

Petition of A. A. Paff and others for the erection of a Fire Alarm Bell. Ref. to committee on Fire and Water.

Communication from D. E. Gavett, containing a return of the census of the city taken by him pursuent to resolution of the Common Council. Received and ordered to be printed in the Corporation paper.

Petition of Daniel Keenan and others for the privilege of grading and paving Mercer street, between Henderson and Grove streets, at their own expense but under the direction of the committee on streets.

Ref. to committee on streets.

Communication of John V. Brower declining to accept the appointment of commissioner of estimate for assessments. Received and ordered filed.

Petition of John S. Mortimer and others to have South 5th, or Gilbert street, between Erie street and Newark avenue, regulated etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Michael Rodahan to be appointed a city watchman. Laid upon the table.

Official bond of George W. Cassedy as city clerk, with Frederick B. Betts and Alexander H. Wallis as sureties. Approved and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Ingham & Daly, $8; S. Billington, $3; Edward Hope, Jnn., $6; J. Pinkham, $8 35; A. R. Merlett, $192 46; A. Brower, $14 12; and William Whitley, $20 72. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of P. Coyle, $2; Edgar Morris, $5 88; Hutton & Lacy, $11 85; J. F. Fielder, $127 53; John Corrigan, $1517 04; James S. Bishop, $171 50; William Coleman, $4 69; Robert Harrison, $1 45; and Edgar Morris, $6. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of Edgar Morris, $38 20; Alexander Love, $400; Lewis Colby, $50; and officers of election in Third Ward $25 50. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of James Kerr, $11 25; H. M. Lane, $21 13; H. A. Miller & Co., $14 88; Daily Telegraph, $4 75; Stowell & Conger, $6 25; Samuel Hetherington, $52 A. O. Zabriskie, $63 62, and Thomas Newham, $13 13. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of S. Quaife, $95 27; Weekly News, $11 50, and "assessment for regulating north side of Railroad avenue, between Newark avenue and Prospect street," $92 83. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of David Bedford, $25, and George W. A. Everett, $25. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of John R. Benedict, $28 38, and George Morrow, $3 25. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of J. McDonald, $60. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of George Morrow, $9, and Hiram Gilbert, $115. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of George Morrow, $2 50, and John R. Benedict, $8. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate Committees, afterwards reported correct, the rules suspended to enable the Board to audit the claims, and the same were ordered paid :—

Of Isaac Wakefield, $2,38 ; Abraham Garrabrant, $20,09 ; G. W. Cassedy, $16,83 ; D. Henderson, $100 ; Hugh Billingsley, $40 ; Nathaniel Ellis, $50,05 ; H. A. Miller & Co. $73,45 ; George Morrow, $76,42 ; William Eaton, $20 ; S. Quaife. $25, ; R. & J. Mc. Laughlin, $17,75 ; John Mc. Comb, $52 ; John Wallace, $27,13 ; John Fee, $16,38 ; John Mc. Cue. $19,-38 ; James Dunoss, $14,75 ; John O'Connell. $15,25 ; Thomas Mc. Comb, $15,50 ; Michael Killen. $16,10 ; Jacob Blæuvelt, $11,50 ; Thomas Fallin, $14 ; Michael Griffin, $24,37 ; William Moore, $65 ; and John Miller, $5,50.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid :—

Of—Jersey City and Harsimus Cemetery Co. $55, 50 ; George Morrow. $4 ; George Morrow. $6,56 ; W. B. Shotwell. $10 ; Charles M. Holmes, $3.25 ; L. A. Pratt & Co. $1,75 ; Thomas Newham. $6,25 : L. Billington, $3 ; Drayton & Durant, $70,07 ; William Pitcher, $8 ; George Morrow, $118,78 ; and Patrick Burns. $1,50 ;

The following Message from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 5th instant, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council :—

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
Jersey City, June 3, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council—*

I return without my approval "An ordinance fixing salaries for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four."

The second section of the ordinance before me, directs, that the Captain and assistant Captain of the Sunday Police, shall receive one dollar and fifty cents each, for every half day's duty, and each Policeman one dollar for every half day's duty; but neither the Captain, assistant Captain nor officers, shall be on duty more than one half of any Sunday. This is in direct contravention with the ordinance now in force, regulating the duties of the Sunday Police, which says, the Department shall consist of one Captain, one assistant Captain, and four Policemen, and all the members of the Department shall go on duty at sunrise, and continue till sunset, with an hour's recess for dinner, while the ordinance under consideration positively forbids the members of the Department remaining on duty more than one half of any Sunday, except in case of a riot, and makes no provision which part of the day they shall be on duty, and leaving the other part unrepresented by any Police force at all. I am constrained to believe this could not have been the intention of your Honorable Body.

The sixth section of the ordinance says, there shall be appointed a "Corporation Surveyor," who shall perform such duties on behalf of the city as the Common Council, or any committee thereof, may direct, and he shall receive fifteen hundred dollars per annum for his services, to be paid monthly ; and on all assessments for improvements hereafter to be made, there shall be charged for the services of the "Corporation Surveyor" the sum of 2½ per cent upon the amount of such assessments.

While I concur in the propriety of having a Surveyor appointed' for the purpose of performing the work required by the Common Council. and having his compensation for such services fixed by ordinance, as required by the charter, I can not see the necessity of creating new offices, and appointing new officers to perform the duties of those expressly provided for by that instrument. The charter directs that the city surveyors, Street Commissioner, etc., shall respectively perform such duties, and receive such compensation as the Common Council shall by *ordinance* direct and award. There is an ordinance now in force prescribing the duties of the city Surveyors, and which is not repealed by the ordinance before me ; it provides that "they shall assist the Street Committee of the Common Council of said city, in laying out and regulating all streets, roads, wharves, and slips of said city, and to lay out all grounds for the purpose of building upon." It appears to me that if the duties, set forth in the ordinance above quoted, must be performed by the City Surveyors, very little work would be left for this new officer, certainly not enough to warrant the large compensation fixed for his services by the ordinance under consideration.

The duties of the "Corporation Surveyor," provided for by this ordinance, is no further pointed out, than, he is to be placed at the will and mercy of every committee of the Common Council, when called upon to subscribe an oath for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, he may be familiar with the amount of his salary, but he must be as ignorant of the duties of his office, or of what the committes intend to do with him, as I am with the ordinance full before me. The ordinance provides that 2½ per cent. shall be charged on all assessments hereafter to be made, for the services of the "Corporation Surveyor." A large amount of improvements have been ordered during the past year or two, a very considerable amount of which has recently been put under contract, but neither the improvements or assessments therefor are yet made, although the surveys for these improvements have already been performed by the City Surveyors, and no provision is made for the payment of the work done by them, the ordinance only provides that 2½ per cent. shall be charged on all assessments hereafter to be made, for the services of the new officer. There are probably more improvements and assessments in this situation, than all that will be ordered during the balance of the current year.

There are other serious objections to the ordinance before me. It does not provide and fix as required, the compensation of the City Surveyors, nor that of the Commissioners of Assessments, although the charter expressly declares that all Commissioners of Assessments shall receive such compensation for their services as the Common Council, (not by special,) but by general ordinance shall fix and ordain, therefore any charge entering into an assessment for services rendered by these officers, without being fixed by general ordinance, is in direct violation of the plain provisions of the charter; and must invalidate every assessment so made.

I am clearly of the opinion that the charter never contemplated to prescribe the duties of the city officers, in the general salary ordinance. The section of the charter which empowers the Common Council to fix the salaries of all officers, both elected and appointed by general ordinance, makes no reference as to their duties.

I have now briefly adverted to the provisions of the ordinance, which I believe to be in direct contravention of the charter, or ordinances under it. I now feel called upon, from a sense of duty, to give my views in relation to some of the other provisions of the ordinance affecting the interests of the city, and upon which we may have an honest difference of opinion. In my judgment, the salaries of some of the city officers are too small for the duties required of them, while others are too large; the salary fixed for the Surveyor is, in my judgment, entirely too much, however, I am entirely ignorant of the duties that may be required of him.

The increase in the pay of the Watchmen is, in my judgment, uncalled for, without increasing their duties—amounting to $365 each per annum, for half time, or $730 for whole time, being some 8½ or 9 hours out of 24—which is more than the Police of the city of New York receive, under their present rigid discipline, which requires every member to devote his whole time and attention to the business of the Department, expressly prohibiting his following any other calling, or being employed in any other business.

For the reasons above briefly set forth, I return the ordinance for your further action, not doubting that on due reflection, your Honorable Body will concur with me in the course I have been compelled to adopt.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the ordinance fixing salaries do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yea—Ald. Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. James.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 30th May last was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Board of Water Commissioners to construct the main sewer petitioned for by R. C. Bacot and others, in South 5th street, from the Mill Creek to the Hudson River. Also the lateral sewers in South 4th and South 6th streets, according to the plan of city sewerage heretofore adopted, and to assess the expenses of the same upon the property benefitted thereby.

Report received and resolution adopted.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, May 30, 1854.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I return without my approval a resolution passed by your honorable on the 16th inst., referring the petition of R. C. Bacot and others for a sewer in South 5th street, from the Hudson River to Mill Creek etc., to the Board of Water Commissioners to construct said sewer and assess the expense on the property benefitted thereby.

On examination I find that the resolution does not meet the requirements of the charter, nor conform to the supplement to an act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of works for supplying Jersey City, and places adjacent, with pure and wholesome water," approved March 16th, 1854. The 3d section of the supplement directs that when application shall be made to the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City to have a sewer, or drain, made or constructed in any street, avenue, lane or alley, in said city, the same preliminary proceedings shall be had in relation thereto, as are now authorized and directed by the charter. It is hardly necessary to state such preliminary steps have not been taken in the case under consideration. The charter requires that sewers shall be constructed under the authority of an ordinance—that after the time appointed by the Common Council for parties to be heard in relation to any application for sewers, they shall appoint three judicious freeholders commissioners, who shall estimate the whole costs of such improvements, and cause a map to be made of the property benefitted, distinguishing each lot thereon, and shall file said map and report with the City Clerk within thirty days after their appointment; the City Clerk shall give notice of the filing of such report and map within ten days after the same shall be filed with him; and unless, in thirty days after the filing of said report, one half of the owners of the lands to be assessed for such improvements, shall file with the City Clerk a remonstrance, signed by them or their agents, lawfully authorized, said Common Council shall proceed to execute said improvements. But if such remonstrance shall be filed, the Common Council shall proceed no further. Such are the preliminary proceedings authorized and required by the charter, and it is at this juncture of the proceedings (in case a remonstrance should not be filed) that the Common Council shall give notice to the Water Commissioners of such decision, who shall thereupon proceed and construct said work under the provisions of the supplement above referred to.

With this brief view of the subject, I feel that every member of your honorable body will concede the propriety of withholding my signature from the resolution under consideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. White moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yea—Ald. Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. James.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled Corporation Notices, viz:

"Application to have a main sewer built in South Ninth or Bay street, from the Hudson River to Newark Avenue, also the lateral sewers to connect with the same, agreeably to the plan of Water Commissioners and as shown on their map of the same."

"Application to have sunken lots on south side of Bright street, between Barrow street and Jersey Avenue, filled up and drained sufficiently to prevent stagnant water lying thereon."

"Application to have a main sewer built in South Seventh street from the Mill Creek to the Hudson River, also the lateral sewers in Coles and Monmouth streets, to connect with the same agreeably to the plan of the Water Commissioners, and as shown on their map of the same."

The reports were received and ordered filed.

The City Treasnrer's report for May, 1854, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st. June instant of $1553,93 the whole amount subject to draft for Improvement certificates, and redemption of lots was presented and referred to the Committe on Finance.

A lease was presented from the City Attorney, made to Dudley S. Gregory for lot No. 28 Newark Avenue, on Block 46, prepared pursuant to resolution by Common Council passed April 27th 1852.

The lease was ordered to be presented to the Mayor for his signature, and the seal of the City was ordered to be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the following elections, and on motion of Ald. Edge it was

Resolved, That the elections be approved, the names enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership issued.

By Hercules Engine Co., No. 3—election of Uriah Townsend.

By Washington Engine Co. No. 4—election of John R. Mackay, William Barr, John Carroll, Patrick H. Nugent, Edward Andrews, John Travis, Charles Griglieti, Michael Connor, and Frederick Boorman.

By Protection Engine Co. No. 5—election of John H. Ward.

By Hudson Hose Co. No. 1—election of James Wakefield, Wm. A. Fisher, A. Reed, David Wakefield, Wm. T. Ashford, Wm, Jelly, Samuel McKean, Thomas S. Holmes, John S. Maston, James Welsh, Hiram Meeker, Frederick H. Scath, Frederick Stolly, Isaac Edge, Jr., John Hannon, William J. Holmes, James Wallace, Augustus Baum, John Rooney, Benjamin Platt, Richard Wood, John P. Masseker, and Thomas B. Kissam.

By Diligent Hose Co. No. 3—election of Joseph B. Eltringham and Triller W. Tufts.

A communication was presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the transfer of John O'Hara, from Liberty engine Co. No. 1, to Washington Engine Co. N. 4, and on motion of Ald. Edge it was

Resolved, That the transfer of John O'Hara be approved, and the City Clerk be directed to make the proper entry of the transfer in the roll book of the Fire Department.

A communication presented from his honer the Mayor, enclosing the following paper, all of which were ordered to be laid upon the table, except the communication from Mr. Ward.

A communication from John D. Ward, Esq., President of the Board of Water Commissioners, relative to an exchange of real estate, accompanied by a map of the property.

A comunication from Walter Rutherfurd, Esq., tendering the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City a scholarship in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, for the next four years.

A writ of possession of Hamilton Square, by the Sheriff of Hudson County, to his hononr the Mayor, on behalf of the city.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution in relation to the communication of John D. Ward, Esq., President of the Board of Water Commissioners:

Resolved, That the Mayor be requested to execute a deed to the executors of the estate of the late John Tonnelle, a certain triangular piece of ground on Bergen hill, described in a communication from the Water Commissioners of Jersey City, datd June 5th, and cause the sale of the city to be affixed thereto.

The resolution was adopted.

A Statement by the Superintendent of the Alms House of monies received by him for the city, was presented and referred to the Committee on Alms.

A requisition from the Board of Education for payment of claims of Messrs Lindsley and Ross, $50; and C. Shepherd & Co. $390,97; was presented and warrants for the amounts named were ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the claimnants.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred on the 21st March last the communication of David Bedford proposing to lease to the city a Public Yard, reported that they have rented the property desired in the communication at the rate of one hundred dollars per annum. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred on the 2nd May last as unfinished business from the Board, the communication of JamesBroadmeadow in relation to the present condition of Prospect street presented to the Common Council on the 15th February last, reported that the Injunction has been removed and an ordinance has been passed in conformity with the prayer of the petitioner.

Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets, admitted a repo[illegible]n the petition of James Lightbody and others pr[illegible]ed on the 5th April 1853, to have several l[illegible] in Prospect street filled up; the report stating that an ordinance has been passed in conformity with the prayer of the petitioners.

Report received and adopted.

The Commitee on Streets, submitted a report on the petition of Cornelious Van Vorst for alteration of Grade of Wayne street between Barrow and Jersey streets, presented ou the 3d November 1852; the report recommending that the request be granted, and that it be referred to the committee ou Laws with instructions to report an ordinance therefor.

Report recieved and adopted.

The Committee on Public Health to whom was referred on the 2d May last, the petition of Charles F. Betts and others to have several lots in Bright streets filled up, reported in favor of granting prayer of the petitioners.

Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred on the 5d May last, the petition of Robert C. Bacot and others, in relation to the condition of Prospect street, reported that the work petitioned for is done. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings reported that Engine house No. 2 is completed; the report containing the vouchers for monies expended by said committee. Report received and referred to committee on finance.

The Committee on Sewers to whom was referred on the 16th of May last, the petition of J. J. Bouton and others, to have a main sewer built in South 9th or Bay street, from the Hudson river to Newark Avenue, also the lateral sewers to connect with the same agreeably to the plan of the Water Commissioners, and as shown on their map of the same, reported in favor of granting the prarer of the petitioners. Report received and and adopted.

The Committee on Sewers to whom was referred on the 2d May last, the petition presented on the 18th April last, of Michael Mullone, for permission to open a private sewer from the corner of Greene and Mercer streets to the river, reported adversely on the same. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Watch to whom was referred on the 16th May last, the petitition of Charles J. Farley, for an increase in the pay of the City Watchmen, reported that the subject has been acted on.—Report received.

The Committee on Fire and Water, submitted a report on the petition of Smith Mead and others, presented on the 21st of March last, referred to said committee on the 2d May last; asking to be organized as a Hose Company, and to have a hose carriage placed under their charge; the report recommending that the parties named in said petition be organized as Hose Company No. 4, that they be enrolled as fireman, that the usual certificates of membership be issued to them, etc. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on streets to whom was referred on the 23d May last, the proposals received at that meeting from A. Love, James Ward, Wm. Clancey, and John Headden, for the contract to sweep and clean the streets of the city, reported that is for the interest of the city to reject all of said proposals. Report received and adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted "Declarations of Sale" of property for assessments on the first instant, and the following resolution in relation thereto.

Resolved, That the Declarations of Sale presented at this meeting, of property sold on the first instant by this corporation for assessments, be executed by his honor the Mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed to each one of the same by the City Clerk.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Streets reported sealed proposals received by them for cleaning and sweeping the streets of the city.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from John Headden, Michael Toman, Wm. Clancy, and A. Love.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the proposals be referred to the committee on streets, with authority to contract with the lowest bidder provided the committee deem it to the interest of the city so to do.

The Committee on Streets reported a sealed proposal received by them for the contract to regulate etc., South 6th street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue.

The proposal was opened, read and found to be from John Corrigan and John Wallace.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That proposal be referred to the committee on streets, with authority to contract if they deem it the interest of the city so to do.

The Committee on Streets reported a sealed proposal received by them for the contract to regulate etc., South 8th street, between Grove st. and Newark avenue.

The proposal was opened and read, and found to be from John Corrigan and John Wallace.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That the proposal be referred to the committee on streets, with authority to contract if they deem it to the interest of the city to do so.

The following entitled ordinances were presented, and laid upon the table viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in to the established grade, curbing, guttering and laying side walks four feet wide, in Mercer street, between Washington and Warren streets."

"An ordinance to provide for the erection of a school House in the Fourth Ward."

"An ordinance to regulate the duties of City Surveyor."

"An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "A Law for the impounding of animals," approved July 28th. 1853.

"An ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City."

Ald, Davenpart offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Preamble and Resolution adopted at the last regular meeting referring the Bills of Garret E. Winants and John Bevans for Filling and Surveying Morgan st., from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street, to the Board of Commissioners of assessments be reconsidered.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That four per cent. be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for paving Barrow street, between Bright street and Grand street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald James.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of John Arbuckle, for three hundred and seven dollars, and forty-two cents, ($307 42,) being the amount of his bill for paving, etc., Barrow street, from Bright street to Grand street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President. and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. James.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Daniel Kneenan for one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and twenty-nine cents, being the amount of his bill for work done and material furnished on the north side of Railroad avenue, from Prospect street to Newark avenue, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. James.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, the vote by which the following resolution was adopted on the 16th May last was reconsidered :

Resolved, That the committee on finance be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow for a period of two years the sum of ten thousand dollars, payable with interest at a rate not to exceed seven per cent per annum ; that the bond or bonds of the city be issued therefor, in case such loan can be effected ; that the Mayor be authorized to execute the same under the direction of said committee, and that the seal of the city be affixed by the City Clerk.

With the consent of the Board Ald. Thompson then withdrew the resolution.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and they are hereby, authorized to effect a loan of $25,000, for fifteen years, at and after the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, for the use of the city, and that they be instructed to advertise for proposals for said loan.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. James.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That a Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriage House be erected on the property belonging to the city, corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets; said house to be built of brick, two stories high twenty three feet front, seventy nine feet deep, at a cost not to exceed four thousand dollars, as provided by the 25th section of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance to establish and regulate and control the Fire Department, and for the prevention of fires. Approved Feb 8th, 1853.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Tuesday evening next June 13th at the Common Council chamber at eight o'clock.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea submitted plans for a Hook and Ladder, and for a Hose Carriage house, presented the following resolution in relation thereto :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings are hereby instructed to advertise for proposals, for the erection of a Hook and Ladder house, and a Hose Carriage house, on property belonging to the city, corner of Van Vorst and Grand streets, to conform with the plans herewith submitted.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the resolution passed on the 18th April last, authorizing the purchase of lots 27. 28, 29, and 30 South 4th street, on block 200, for the purpose of erecting a Public School thereon, was rescinded.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be, and they are hereby, authorized to purchase in the name of City, lots No. 19, 20, 21, 22, Erie street, between South Fifth and South Sixth streets, on block one hundred and fifty-one, as laid down on Coles' map, for the sum of five thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a Public School House thereon; and that for the payment of the same, the Committee on Finance are hereby instructed, in case said purchase shall be made, to borrow for that purpose the said sum of five thousand dollars, for five years, and that the bond or bonds of the city for said amount be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, payable in five years, with interest at and after the rate of six per cent. per annum; and that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said bond or bonds on the requisition of the Committee on Finance.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Ald. Hill, Thompson and White, asked to be, and were excused from voting.

Nay—Ald. Davenport.

Absent—Ald. James.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the vote was reconsidered, by which Ald. Thompson's resolution was adopted at this meeting of Common Council, authorizing the committee on finance to effect a loan of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Ald. Rappleyea moved to amend the resolution by striking out twenty five thousand and insert twenty thousand dollars. The motion to amend was not adopted.

The resolution as originally presented by Ald. Thompson was then adopted without amendment, by the following vote the yeas and nayes having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson and White.

Nays—Ald. Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and White.

Ald. Edge and Greene asked to be, and were excused from voting.

Absent—Ald. James.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an appropriation of three hundred and fifty dollars be made towards celebrating the approaching anniversary of our national independence, said amount to be expended under the direction of the committee on public grounds and buildings.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to have a list of the licensed cartmen in Jersey City published in the corporation paper, and also in handbills to be posted throughout the city.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the committee on Alms be authorized to have blinds attached to the Alms House, provided the expense of the same shall not exceed the sum of sixty dollars. Also be authorized to purchase a Milch Cow for the use of the Alms House provided the expense shall not exceed the sum of Fifty dollars.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion Ald. Gardner the vote was reconsidered by which the resolution of Ald. Rappleyea was adopted at this meeting, authorizing the purchase of lots in the Fourth Ward for the erection of a Public School House.

Ald. Davenport moved that the resolution be amended so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase, in the name of the city, lots No. 19, 20, 21, and 22 Erie street, between South 5th and South 6th streets, on block one hundred and fifty one, as laid down on Cole's map, for the sum of five thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a Public School house thereon, and that for the payment of the same, the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the loan for twenty-five thousand dollars authorized to be effected by the Committee on Finance, by the resolution passed at this meeting of the Common Council.

The motion to amend was adopted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. James.

On motion of Ald. White David B. Wakeman, Henry M. Traphagen and David Bedford were appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost of building a sewer in Essex street, from the Hudson river to Van Vorst st., in place of the commissioners already appointed who have not qualified.

On motion of Ald. Low, the Board then proceeded to the appointment of city officers.

Ald. Thompson and White were appointed, and acted as tellers.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the Board proceeded to the appointment of Collector of Assessments.

Jacob Z. Marinus was nominated by Ald. Tyrrell.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Jacob Z. Marinus received thirteen votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Jacob Z. Marinus was declared appointed Collector of Assessments.

Ald. Edge moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the Board then proceeded to the appointment of Collector of Arrears of Taxes.

The following nominations were made:

Earle B. Sippell, by Ald. Tyrrell.

Stephen Quaife, by Ald. Greene.

William C. Morris, by Ald. Low.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Earle B. Sippell received nine votes.

William C. Morris received two votes.

Stephen Quaife received two votes—one blank was cast.

Whereupon Earle B. Sippell was declared appointed Collector of arrears of Taxes.

On motion Ald Davenport the Board then proceeded to the appointment of overseer of the Poor.

A balloting was had with the following result:

William Whitley received twelve votes.

John Whitley received two votes.

Whereupon William Whitley was declared appointed Overseer of the Poor.

Ald. Gardner moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

On mOtion of Ald. Slater, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the Board to appoint, viva voce, a superintendent of the Alme House.

Whereupon, on motion of Ald. Slater, William

Whitley was appointed such Superintendent the of Alms House.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the board then proceeded to the appointment of City Surveyors.

Ald. Cleveland moved that the number appointed be two.

Ald. White moved as an amendment that the number appointed be four.

The amendment was adopted.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

Ald. Thompson, by request of William S. Whitwell, withdrew the name of that gentleman as a candidate for the office of City Surveyor.

A balloting was then had with the following result:

Robert C. Bacot received twelve votes.

George H. Bailey received fourteen votes.

Stephen Quaife received twelve votes.

William H. Wood received eight votes.

— Culver received five votes.

D. E. Culver received one vote.

Nine blanks were cast.

Whereupon Robert C. Bacot, George H. Bailey, and ~~William H. Wood~~ Stephen Qu were declared appointed City Surveyors.

On motion of Ald. Low the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the Board to appoint, viva voce, a City Surveyor, and on motion of Ald. Low, William H. Wood was appointed such City Surveyor.

Ald. Low moved " That the Board do now proceed to the appointment of City Watchmen.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned Meeting, at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday June 13th 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Green, Hill, Keeney. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Ald. Edge. Gardner, Low, and White were absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took their seat.

Absent—None

The Board at its last meeting having adjourned while the appointment of City Watchmen, was before it, that came up as the first business at this meeting.

By unanimous consent Ald. Slater presented a petition from Stephen W. Treadwell to be appointed a City Watchman. The petition was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland it was Resolved, That the rules of order be suspended to enable the Board to appoint the City Watchmen *viva voce.* and that the appointments be made by the Board on the nomination of the Aldermen of the several wards, each ward to be entitled to nominate six Watchmen.

The following nominations were then made by the Aldermen of the several Wards, and the parties nominated appointed by the Board.

*First Ward.*

Daniel Calhoun, Joseph H. Fairbanks, Jonathan H. Baldwin, and James McDonald.

*Second Ward.*

John P. Masseker, Thomas Springsteen, Benjamin Haines, junior, John Ayres, William Anness and Nathaniel Turner.

*Third Ward.*

John. H. Smith, Peter P. Post, John B. Hartford, Hiram H. Fenn, John F. Richardson and William H. Lyon.

*Fourth Ward.*

John A. Topping, John Van Riper, Ransford Bennett, Cornelius Pettit, Charles Tanner and Henry Paynton.

(Ald. Gardner appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the vote was reconsidered, by which the following resolution of Ald. Thompson was adopted at the meeting of the Common Council held on the 6th instant:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and they are hereby authorized to effect a loan of $25,000, for fifteen years, at and after the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, for the use of the city, and that they be instructed to advertise for proposals for said loan.

Ald. Thompson, by consent of the Board, then withdrew the resolution.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the vote was reconsidered, by which the following resolution of Ald. Rappleyea was adopted on the 6th instant:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be, and they are hereby, authorized to purchase in the name of the City, lots No. 19, 20, 21, 22, Erie street, between South Fifth and South Sixth streets, on block one hundred and fifty-one, as laid down on Coles' map, for the sum of five thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting a Public School House thereon; and that for the payment of the same the committee on finance are hereby instructed, in case said purchase shall be made, to borrow for that purpose the said sum of five thousand dollars for five years, and that the bond or bonds of the city for said amount be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, payable in five years, with interest at and after the rate of six per cent. per annum; and that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said bond or bonds on the requisition of the committee on finance.

Ald. Rappleyea, by consent of the Board, then withdrew the resolution.

Ald. White appeared and took his seat.

Ald. Thompson presented the following resolution:

Whereas, by virtue of a supplement to the charter of Jersey City passed by the Legislature of this State in the year 1854, the city was authorized to raise by Loan the sum of $50,000 Dollars, for Public Grounds and Buildings.

Resolved that the Finance Committee, be authorized to borrow under said act, for the purpose of erecting public buildings and purchasing public Grounds, the sum of $25,000 dollars for 15 years, at a rate of interest not to exceed 6 per cent per annum, and that they be instructed to advertise for proposals for said Loan.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, and Low.

A declaration of sale of lot 21 Grove street, on block 21, by the Corporation of Jersey City to Adolphus S. Gilbert, on the 20th May, 1852, for taxes of 1851, for which he asks a lease, was presented and referred to the committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of Isaac Edge, Senior, asking that he may be employed to furnish fireworks on the 4th July next etc. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Ald. Edge appeared and took his seat.

A claim of William Coleman, amounting to $15 75, for cleaning trees, was presented, referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

A claim of the city watchmen for services for May 1854, amounting to $645 51, was presented, referred to the committee on watch, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

The city clerk read the resignation of Ald. James as an Alderman from the First Ward, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 13th instant.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of L. A. Pratt & Co., $12 50; L. A. Pratt & Co. $1 50; Michael O'Donnell, 50 cents, and special police of April 11th, 1852. $27.

Claims of Sunday policemen, for rervices for April 1854, $47 50; and Sunday policemen for services for May 1854, $32; were presented and referred to tho committee on police and licenses.

On motion of Ald. Greene, the communication presented on the 6th instant, from Walter Rutherford, tendering to the city a scholarship in Rutgers College, was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Greene offered the following resolution in relation thereto.

Resolved, That the gift of a scholarship in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, presented by Walter Rutherford, Esq., is accepted, and that the thanks of the Mayor and Common Council are hereby tendered to Mr Rutherford, and that the city clerk be requested to communicate the same to him, with the assurance that this Board will bestow the gift so as to prove satisfactory to the donor and profitable to the recipient.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to advertise that the common council are now ready to receive application for the same.

The resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Ald. Greene it was

Resolved, That the board do now proceed to the appointment of members of the Board of Education to fill vacancies now existing, and the places of those members whose terms have expired.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That the rule requiring a balloting be suspended, and that the appointments be made *viva voce* by the Board on the nomination of the Aldermen of the several wards.

Whereupon the following nominations were made, and the parties named were appointed members of the Board of Education.

*First Ward*—Peter D. Vroom, for the full term.

*Second Ward*—M R. Case, for the full term; and Albert T Smith, in the place of J. W. Parker who has removed from the ward.

*Third Ward*—George Ford, for the full term.

*Fourth Ward*—Hervey M. Soule, for the full term; and William Ramsay to fill a vacancy.

The Committee on Streets presented a report in relation to the claims of G. E. Winants, amounting to $6056 40, for filling Morgan street; John Bevan, amounting to $200, for surveys and maps for the same work; also G. E. Winants, amounting to $5859 42, and John Bevan, amounting to $177 06, for the same work, referred to said com. on the 21st March last; the report setting forth that the committee have deducted from the amount of said claims so as to reduce the amounts, leaving the amount due to G. E. Winants $5711 93, and to John Bevan $175, and presenting with the report new bills, in conformity with the report, said deductions having been made with the consent of Mr. Bevan, and the counsel of Mr. Winants, the report recommending the first two bills of Mr. Bevan and Mr. Winants by the City Clerk in the claim book etc. The report was received and its recommendation adopted, and the new bills were referred to the committee on streets.

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred at the meeting of the Common Council the claims of Garret E Winants for $5711,94, for filling Steuben street from Prospect to Washington street, and John Bevan, for $175,00 for surveys and maps of the same work, reported the same correct. The reports were received; and the following resolution was presented by Ald. Davenport and adopted.

Resolved, That the Bill of Garret E. Winants for $5711.93, for filling Steuben st. from Prospect street to Washingson st. and of John Bevan for $175, for maps and surveys for the same work be referred to the Commissioners of assessments appointed to assess said Work, and that the assessors be permitted to withdraw the two maps previously filed for said improvement.

The Committee on Streets reported as correct the filling claims referred to them on the 16th May last —viz:

Of John Arbuckle for filling in etc., Warren st. between Essex and Bergen streets, $892.26, Clerk & Bacot, for surveys etc., on same work, $35,00. and William Moore, for superintending same work, $15, 62.—Of John Arbuckle for paving etc, Montgomery street $1712,92. Clerk & Bacot for surveys on same work, $50,00; and of William Moore, for superintending same work, $23.7. .

The reports were received, and the claims referred to the Committee on Assessments to be by them placed in the hands of the Commissioners of assessments for improvements, for assessment.

Ald. Low appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Ald. Whitlock, the rules requiring a balloting were suspended to enable the Board to appoint, *viva voce*, a constable from the Fourth Ward, and on motion of Ald. Whitlock, John Dans was appointed to that office.

A petition of George H. Bailey to be appointed a City Surveyor, was presented and laid upon the table

Ald. Hill presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz.:—

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, paving, laying cross-walks at the intersection of Barrow and Bright streets. formerly Grand street."

A claim of Terrence Berine, for cleaning trees, etc., amounting to $28 50, was presented and referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

A petition from James Broadmeadow and others, in relation to sunken lots in Prospect street, was present and referred to the committee on public health.

Ald. Davenport presented the following resolution, and the same was adopted.

Resolved, That Charles J. Farley and Nathaniel Ellis, Constables, be, and they are hereby employed to ascertain the names of the persons who have been, are, or may be found violating the provisions of the ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerning inns and taverns," approved August 18th, 1853. and to report the same to the city attorney, and make complaint under the direction of said officer, before the Recorder, against all persons whom they may find violating the provisions of the said ordinance, and also to report to the city attorney, and take all necessary measures for the conviction of any person or persons found driving a cart or carts in Jersey City without the license required to be obtained under the provisions of the ordinance relating to the licensing of cartmen, and that the said Charles J. Farley and Nathaniel Ellis shall receive for their services under this resolution the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day each, and shall continue to act until the further action of this Common Council.

Ald. White offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be instructed to have the grass on Van Vorst square sold at public auction to the highest bidder on Saturday, the 16th day of June, at 5 o'clock P. M., on the ground.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the finance committee be authorized to look into the matter relative to the apparent deficiency in the accounts of our former treasurer, and that they be instructed to ascertain from whom the money, if any, should be legally demanded.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, paving, curbing, guttering, and laying cross-walks and flagging side-walks four feet wide in Henderson st, from Newark avenue to Grand street."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:—

"An Ordinance to provide for regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, and resetting curb and gutter where necessary in Montgomery street, between Henderson and Van Vorst streets."

The Ordinance was passed by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas–The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rapple yea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for regulating, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, flagging side-walks, and laying cross-walks at the intersections, except so much of the above mentioned work as is now done, in South Second street, between Grove street and Coles street."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, flagging sidewalks, and laying crosswalks at the intersections in South 4th street, between Erie street and Coles street, or so much thereof as has not been done."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:—

"An Ordinance to provide for grading, regulating, paving, curbing, guttering and flagging, or so much thereof, as is not already done, in south First street, between Grove street and Erie street."

The Ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz:—

"An ordinance to provide for filling, curbing, guttering, laying cross-walks and side-walks in South-sixth street, between Jersey Avenue and Grove street.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Raypleyea, Slater. Thompson, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

A communication was presented from the Chief Engineer of the Williamsburgh Fire Department, in relation to "Young America" Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be permitted to loan to the Fire Department of the city of Williamsburgh, the Hook and Ladder Truck now in the yard of the Almshouse, provided they put it in perfect repair, and return the same at any time the Common Council may require it.

The resolution was adopted.

(Ald Edge obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald. Hill, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a Commissioner of Assessments for improvements, ~~from~~ the Third Ward.

Ald. Low and Rappleyea were appointed tellers.

A balloting was had with the following result:

James S. Hutton received fourteen votes.

Whereupon James S. Hutton was declared appointed a member of the Board of Commissioners of Assessment for improvements.

Claims of O. Berbanks, $8, and O. Berbanks, $6, were presented and referred to the committee on public health.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That David B. Wakeman be appointed a commissioner of estimate and assessment of the cost and expenses of the opening and extending Jersey street into Jersey Avenue, in the place of James S. Davenport, who has become ineligible by reason of his being elected to and holding the position of an Alderman.

On motion of Ald Hill it was.

Resolved, That Simon F. Noyes and Alexander Wilson be reappointed Commissioners of Estimate and assessmens of the cost of opening and extending Jersey street into Jersey Avenue, their appointments having expired.

The Committee on Police and Licenses to whom was referred on the 6th instant the petition of William H. Frazee for a license to keep an Inn or Tavern called the Washington House, reported in favor of granting the license. The report was received.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That a license be granted to William H. Frazee, to keep the Inn or Tavern on the north west corner of Grand and Hudson streets called the "Washington House."

The motion was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Low, and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerks Office on Thursday Evening next, June 15th at 8 o'clock. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned Meeting, at the City Clerk's office, Thursday June 16th, 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge. Gardner, Greene, Low, Slater. Thompson and White.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Davenport the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

### COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting June 20th 1854.

Present—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald, Edge, Low and Thompson.

The minutes of the preceding three meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc. were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petitions for tavern licenses to be granted to the following named persons, were presented and referred to the Committee on Police and Licenses, viz:

J. V. D. B. Van Doren, Francis Boyle, William and Chauncey B. Jaquins, William L. Broking, James P. Rainey and Hiram McCarty, Patrick Corrigan, Patrick Martin, William Moore, Elizabeth Hough, and John Schofield.

Communication from John D. Ward, President of the Board of Water Commissioners relative to numbering the Houses in Jersey City. Ref. to Committee on Streets, with instructions to advertise for proposals for a contract to number the Houses in the City.

Petition of James S. Hutton, and others, to have Grove street, on the north side of the New Jersey Railroad, opened, etc. Ref. to committee on streets, and the City Clerk directed to publish notice that the Common Council will meet on the third Tuesday in July next, at 8 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider objections in writing to said application.

Petition of S. M. Hoffman, and others, to have building of Charles F. Durant, which stands on the north west corner of Warren street and Newark avenue, removed from the line of Newark avenue. Ref. to committee on streets, and the City Clerk directed to publish notice for the presenting of objections in writing, on the third Tuesday in July next, at 8 o'clock, P. M., to the opening of Newark avenue to its its proper width, near Warren street.

Petition of F. Spengeman, and others, to have sewer in Henderson street, cleaned and repaired. Ref. to committee on sewers.

Official bond of Jacob Z. Marinus, as Collector of Assessments. Approved and ordered filed.

Official bond of William Whitley, as overseer of the poor. Approved and ordered filed.

Declination by William H. Lyon, of his appointment as City Watchman. Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Samuel M. Hoffman and others to be organized as a Hook and Ladder Company. Ref. to Committee on Fire and Water.

Application of Adams and McGraw for permission to build a dock in front of their property, accompanied by a plan of the proposed dock. Ref. to Committee on Ferries, and Wharves.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of—Daily Union $17.25; L. A. Pratt & Co. $3; and L. A. Pratt & Co. $7,50. Ref. to Committee on Finance.

Of—J. F. Richardson, $5; James Kerr, $41,25; and Frederick Porrett, $41,50. Ref. to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of—William H. Horton, $25. Ref. to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Of B. W. Ryder, $9505,50; R. C Bacot, $45; Isaac Wolf, $78; Whilliam Moore, $86.25; and R. C. Bacot, $225. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Of O. Burbanks, $4. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of John F. Richardson, $10 55. Ref. to committee on watch.

The Committee on Streets presented the following claims of workmen on the public streets, and the same were referred to committee on streets, viz:

Of John McComb, $24; John Wallace, $21; John McCue, $15; John Free, $12 37; James Dunlop, $5 75; John O Connell, $11 75; Thomas McComb, $12; Michael Killere, $13 50; Jacob Blauvelt, $2; Thomas Tolin, $12; Michael Griffin, $24 38; John Miller, $11 50; John Kirk, $7; William Moore, $30; John McComb, $12; John Wallace, $10 50; John McCue, $7 50; John Free, $6 75; John O'Connell, $6; Thomas McComb, $6; Thomas Tolin, $6; Michael Killen, $2 25; Michael Griffin, $3 12; John Miller, $6; John Kirk, $6; William Moore, $15; John Mack, $1 75; John McComb, $19; John Wallace $16 63; John McCue, $11 88; John Free, $10 68; James Dunlop, $9 50; John O'Connell, $9 50; Thomas McComb, $9 50; Michael Killen, $9 28; Jacob Blauvelt, $9 50; Thomas Tolin, $8; Michael Griffin, $10, and William Moore, $24 38.

A claim of D. E. Gavitt, amounting to forty dollars for taking the Census of the City, was presented and a warrant for the amount was ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in his favor for the said amount.

A requisition from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims was presented, and warrants for the amounts named were ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the parties named.

S. R. Tyrrell, $25; A. Anderson, $42; and Nicholas Johnson, $2.

The Annual Report of the Board of Education, was presented, received, ordered to be published in the Corporation Paper and to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of—R. Harrison, $1,45; E. Hope Jun, $6; Ingham & Daly, $8; A. R. Merlett, $192,46; S. Billington, $3; A. Brower, $14,12; J. Pirkham & Co. $8, 25; L. Colby, $50; Officers of Election in 3d ward, $25,50; J. Weart, $6; B. Haines, $6; G. Morrow, $2; S. A. French, $50; A. Love, $400; J. C. Robbins, $6; L. A. Pratt & Co. $25; E. Morris, $38,20; J. R. Benedict, $28,38; G. Morrow, $3,25; H. Gilbert, $15; T. Beirne, $28,50; G. Morrow, $9; D. Bedford, $25; J. Flemming Junior, $9,50; G. Morrow, $2,50; and Hutton & Lacy, $11,85.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred on the 16th May last the claim of George W. A. Everett, for $65, for binding assessment maps, reported the same correct for $50, and presented the following resolution in relation to the claim.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Geo. W. A. Everett, for fifty dollars, provided he will execute a receipt in full for bill of May 16, '54, for binding assessment maps and mounting the same on muslin.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred on the 6th June instant, the claim of Geo. W A. Everitt, for $25, for furnishing guard book for assessment maps, reported the same correct for $15, and presented the following resolution in relation to said claim:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Geo. W. A. Everitt, for fifteen dollars, provided he will execute a receipt in full for bill of May 30th, 1854, for furnishing large guard book for assessment maps, half bound, Russia sheepsides.

The resolution was adopted.

The committee on streets presented contracts with Alexander Love, for cleaning and sweeping the streets of the city, executed by him, accompanied by a bond for the fulfilment of the contract. The contracts were ordered to be presented to his Honor the Mayor for his signature, the seal of the city ordered to be affixed thereto by the City Clerk, and the bond to be filed in the Comptrollers office.

The committee on streets presented contracts with John Corrigan and John Wallace for the regulation etc. of South 6th street from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, and with the same parties for the regulation etc., of South 8th street, between Grove street and Newark avenue, accompanied by bonds for the fulfilment of the said contracts.

The contracts were ordered to be presented to his honor the Mayor for his signature, the seals of the city ordered to be offixed thereto by the City Clerk, and the bonds to be filed in the Comptroler's office.

The following entitled ordinances were presented and laid upon the table, viz., "An ordinance declaring nuisances."

"An ordinance to establish and regulate a Day Police in Jersey City."

The committee on police and licenses to whom was referred on the 6th instant, the petition of Patrick Moloney for a license to peddle fruits, fish and vegetables, reported in favor of granting the prayor of the petitioner.

Report received and license ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Alms to whom were refered on the 6th instant statements of monies received and expended by William Whitley Superintendant of the Alms House, reported a balance due to him of twenty dollars and seventy two cents. Report received, and a warrant for twenty dollars and seventy-two cents ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of William Whitley for the balance due to him.

The Committee on Alms reported that they have purchased a cow for the use of the Alms House for the sum of fifty dollars in pursuance of resolution of the Common Council, and presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor of the Alms Committee for fifty dollars. The committee having paid that sum for a cow for the use of the alms house.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The City Clerk reported that David B. Wakeman declines to act as a commissioner of estimate and assessment of the cost of building a sewer in Essex street from the Hudson River to Van Vorst street. On motion of Ald. White, William Moore the superintendant of street improvements, was appointed such commissioner.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Tuesday evening next, at eight o'clock, in the Lyceum.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Davenport offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, On the 6th day of June, the Common Council appointed Mr. Joseph W. Morgan as one of the commissioners of assessments for the Second Ward, in accordance with the requirements of the supplement of the city charter passed last winter, and

Whereas, The city charter and supplement thereto, requires all commissioners of assessments to be Freeholders, residents of the Ward from which they are appointed, and

Whereas, It appears that Mr. Joseph W. Morgan was at the time of his appointment ineligible, by not being a Freeholder, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Common Council do now proceed to the election of a commissioner of assessments for the Second Ward.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for such Commissioner.

Ald. Rappleyea nominated Jacob A. Van Buskirk as a candidate.

Ald. Gardner and Greene were appointed Tellers.

A balloting was had with the following result:

Jacob A. Van Buskirk received Nine votes.

John Griffith received two votes.

One blank was cast.

Whereupon Jacob A. Van Buskirk was declared appointed a member of the Board of Commissioners of Assessment for improvements.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland the rules were suspended to enable the Board to appoint *viva-voce* two Watchmen from the 1st ward to fill the vacancies existing and on his motion Francis M. Post, and Alfred Gilkenson were apopinted such Watchmen.

On motion of Ald. Slater it was

Resolved, That the subject of the Contracts heretofore made with John Bevan for making city maps, be referred to the Joint Committee on Streets and assessments with instructions to report as to the present position of that subject."

On motion of Ald. Greene the ordinance presented on the 6th inst. entitled.

"An ordinance to provide for the erection of a School House in the Fourth Ward" was taken up for consideration.

By consent of the Board, Ald. Greene withdrew the ordinance.

Ald. Greene presented the following entitled ordinance viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the purchase of lots and for the erection of Public School Houses thereon in Jersey City."

The ordinance was laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. White, the following entitled ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 6th inst. was taken up for consideration viz: "An dinance to provide for the construction of sewer in Jersey City."

The ordinance was amended, and as amended passed by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Low and Thompson.

(Ald. Rappleyea obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald. Whitlock, the following entitled ordinance, laid upon the table on the 4th April last, was taken up, and by consent of the Board, Ald. Whitlock withdrew the ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the filling up of sunken lots on the northerly side of Mercer street, between Henderson and Grove streets."

On motion of Ald. Greene, the Board proceeded to the appointment of a watchman from the 3rd Ward, in the place of William H. Lyon, who declined the appointment.

Ald. Greene nominated James C. Smith.

Ald. White nominated Abraham Garabrant.

Ald. Greene and Gardner were appointed tellers.

Ballotings were had with the following result:—

1ST BALLOTING.

James C. Smith received seven votes.

Abraham Garrabrant received one vote.

Three blanks were cast.

Ald. White moved to postpone the appointment until the next meeting of the Common Council.

The motion was lost

Second balloting.

James C. Smith received seven votes.

Abraham Garrabrant received two votes.

One blank was cast.

On motion of Ald. Greene the further balloting was postponed,

Communications from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department announcing the following elections were presented and received—and it was

Resolved, That the elections be approved, the names enrolled and the usual certificates of membership to be issued by the City Clerk.

By Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Nelson Johnston, E. F. C. Young, and A. Mc. I. Henderson.

By Phoenix Hose Company No. 2.

Charles A. Dickinson, Johnson D. Narine and George Conklyn.

By Arresseoh Engine Company No. 2.

Francis Riker, John Farrell, John D. Nolan, William Armstrong, William Eastburn, John Bunkel, R. Cook. William Whelan, P. Hurley, Joseph Mallen, Edward Gordon, Matthew Brown, John Cane, Francis Cassady, William Kennedy, J Smith, Thomas Pointing, James Colvell and P. Delaney.

By Washington Engine Co. N. 4.

Thomas Mansfield, Bernard McGuigan, Anthony Dobbing, Henry Byrne and Anthony Lukin.

Ald. Davenport offerred the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas there is a vacancy in the Board of Aldermen, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Thomas W. James of the First Ward, therefore be it

Resolved, That the clerk of the First ward be directed to give notice that there will be an election held in the First Ward for an Alderman in the place of Mr. Thomas W. James, resigned on the eleventh day of July next, and that the place for holding said election be in the Hook and Ladder House in Sussex street, in accordance with the requirement of the city charter; and that the Board of City Canvassers will meet at the Common Council chamber on Friday the fourteenth day of July next at 5 o'clock in the afternoon to canvass the returns of said special election.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

Ald. Tyrrell presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table viz.,

"An ordinance fixing salaries."

The Committee on Police and Licenses, to whom was referred on the 6th instant the petition of John Francisco for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner. Report received, and license ordered to be issued.

On motion of Ald. Greene, the following entitled ordinance, presented on the 6th instant, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, A law for the impounding of animals," passed July 28th, 1843.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Low, Rappleyea and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

### COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned Meeting, at Common Council Chamber Tuesday June 27th 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Low and Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, Communications etc. were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of I. B Vandyke and others for the abatement of a nuisance in Montgomery street between the American Hotel and the Darcy House.—Ref. to Committee on Public Health with power to abate the nuisance.

Petition of R. S. Hasbrouck and others for the abatement of a nuisance, on the block of ground bounded by Warren, Morris, Van Vorst, and Sussex streets. Ref. to Committee on Public Health, and the City Clerk directed to publish notice of application to have sunken pond complained of filled up.

Petition of Owen McCue for a tavern license. Ref. to Committee on Police and Licenses.

Communication of Isaac Van Cleef and others in relation to the condition of Henderson street, at the corner of Montgomery street. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing the resignation of John D. Ward as a Water Commissioner. Resignation received and ordered filed.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the Board do now proceed to the appointment of a Water Commissioner, in the place of John D. Ward, resigned."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Edge and Whitlock:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Slater and White.

Absent—Ald. Low and Thompson.

Ald. Davenport and Greene were appointed and acted as tellers.

Ballotings were had, with the following result.

*First Balloting.*

Erastus Randall received seven votes.
Timothy L. Smith received two votes.
Henry M Traphagen received one vote.
Three blanks were cast.

*Second Balloting.*

Erastus Randall received eight votes.
Henry M. Traphagen received two votes.
Alderman Edge received one vote.
Alderman Gardner received one vote.
One blank was cast.

*Third Balloting.*

Erastus Randall received nine votes.
Timothy L. Smith received two votes.
Henry M. Traphagen received one vote.
James S. Davenport received one vote.

Whereupon Erastus Randall was declared appointed water commissioner to fill the unexpired term of John D. Ward resigned.

Petition of John Smith for a tavern license. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Official bond of John B. Davis, as constable, with John Van Vorst and S. A. French as sureties. Approved and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows.

Of John Creech, $6; T. Beirne, $2; and S. Quaife, $15; Ref. to Committee on Finance.

Of O. Burbanks, $5; Ref. to Committee on Public Health.

Of Marshall & Morris, $2,25; Ref. to Committee on Watch.

Of Alexander Wilson, $851,48: Alexander Wilson $382.56; Bacot & Wood, $40; and Bacot & Wood, $15; Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Of Marshall & Morris, $5; Marshall & Morris, $37; Marshall & Morris, $5; Marshall & Morris, $21; and Marshall & Morris, $15; Ref. to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of McGuigan & Nugent, $19,12; Ref. to Committee on Lamps.

Of E. Randall & Co., $7,38; Ref. to Committee on Alms.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled Corporation Notices viz:

"Application to have a main sewer built in Newark and Railroad avenues and Wayne street from Mill creek or Bull's Head to the Hudson River, according to the Water Commissioner plan of sewerage."

"Application to have the deep gulley in Jersey street, near Bright street filled up." Report received and ordered filled.

The annual report of the Recorder for the year ending May 1st, 1854, was presented, received, ordered to be published in the Corporation Paper, and referred to the committee on police and licenses.

Declarations of sale of property on the 9th instant, for taxes of 1853, were presented by the committee on finance, and ordered to be presented to the Mayor for his signature, and the seals of the city to be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

The Committee on Streets presented sealed proposals received by them for the contract to number the houses in the city.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from Reily & Doyle, Ira Clark, and Thomas Howe. The proposals were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Assessments presented the assessor's report and map of the filling in of Morgan street, between Warren and Prospect streets, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation Paper, that the Assessor's report and map for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the second Tuesday in July, at 8 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office on Wednesday evening, the 28th inst., at 8 o'clock. The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings presented sealed proposals received by them for the contract to build a Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriage House, on the corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from William Bumstead, Lawrence and Powell, H. McComb, Hiram D. Crane, Mills and McLaughlin, Wm. Roosevelt, and William Coleman. The proposals were referred to the Joint Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings and Fire and Water with power to contract with the lowest bidder if the committee deem it to the interest of the city to do so.

A claim of Wm. Coxson, amounting to $10,25, was presented, referred to the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, afterwards reported correct, the rules were suspended for the purpose, and the claim ordered paid.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct for the following named amounts and said amounts were ordered paid.

Of—J. F. Richardson, $8,55, O. Burbanks, $6; and O. Burbanks, $4.

(Ald. Rappleyea obtained leave and retired.)

The Committee on Ferries and Wharves, to whom were referred on the 20th instant the application of Adams and McGraw for permission to build a dock on their property, and the plan of the same, reported in favor of granting the privilege asked for, provided the same be done under the direction of the committee on ferries and wharves. Report received and adopted.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be instructed to purchase for the City, for the use of Fire Department, one thousand feet of new hose, at a cost not to exceed eighty cents per foot.

The resolution was adopted.

By request of Ald. Thompson, Ald. Cleveland presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That an allowance of two hundred dollars be made the City Clerk to pay clerk hire for this present corporation year.

The resolution was adopted.

By request of Ald. Thompsou, Ald. Cleveland presented the following resolution:

Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow for the use of the city, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, for Sixty Days, at 6 per cent interest per annum, and that the proper Bonds be issued for the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low, Rappleyea and Thompson.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Streets and Assessments be instructed to report to the Common Council a plan for numbering the houses of streets, avenues and lanes of the City.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to appoint, viva voce, a watchman from the Third Ward, and on his motion, Thomas B. Kissam was appointed such watchman.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, the ordinances defining the duties of the Collector of Assessments and Collector of Taxes, were ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Board, under the direction of the City Clerk.

On motion of Ald. Edge, the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Adjourned Meeting at the City Clerk's office Wednesday June 28th 1854 at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—the President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Greene, Low, Thompson and Rappleyea.

The Committee on Assessments presented the assessment for filling in of Steuben street between Washington and Prospect streets, and the same was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport presented the following resolution in relation to said assessment.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper that the Assessors' Report and Map for Filling in of Steuben street from Washington street to Prospect street is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the Second Tuesday in July next at 8 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Regular meeting of the Common Council of Jersey City, at the Common Council Chamber, July 4, 1854.

Ald. Davenport was appointed City Clerk, *pro tem.*

Present—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Slater and White.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, Thompson and Whitlock.

No quorum being present, adjourned to meet at the City Clerk's office on Wednesday morning at half-past eight o'clock A. M.

JAMES S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk *pro tem.*

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Adjourned meeting of Common Council of Jersey City, at the City Clerk's office, July 5th, 1854.

Present—The President, and Ald. Davenport and Greene.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

No quorum being present, the Board adjourned, to meet at the City Clerk's office, on Thursday evening, June 6th, 1854, at 8 o'clock.

JAMES S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk *pro tem.*

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council held at the City Clerks office Thursday July 6th 1854 at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Green, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea and Thompson.

No quorum being present, adjourned to meet at the City Clerks office Friday July 7th at 8 o'clock P. M.

J. S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk protem.

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Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's Office, Friday, July 7th 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, Alderman Cleveland, Davenport, Slater, Tyrrell, Edge, Gardner, Keeney and Rappleyea.

Ald. White and Low were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently took their seats.

Absent—Ald. Green, Hill, Thompson and Whitlock.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Petitions and Communications were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of William Bavier to be appointed a City Auctioneer. Ref. to Committee on Police and Licenses.

The Official Bond of Erastus Randall as Water Commissioner was read, approved, and ordered filed.

Remonstrance of W. M. S. Garrison against the confirmation of the Morgan Street Assessment. Ref. to Committe on Assessments.

The following Claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct, and ordered paid:

N. Ellis, $52,44; Sunday Police, $38; N. Ellis, $62,50; Special Police, $56,50; J. W. Holbuton, $250; S H. Smith, $58,62; S. H. Smith, $75; J. McDonald. $20; J. F. Richardson, $10; C J. Farley, $12; Watch Department, $602,49; William Whitley, $100.

The following claims had been presented and referred to their appropriate committees on previous meetings were reported correct for the several amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid.

Of J. McDonald $60; McGuigan & Nugent $19,12; L. A. Pratt & Co. $7.50; L. A. Pratt & Co. $3; Daily Union $17.25; S. Quaife $95,27; Weekly News $11,50; E. Randall $7,38; I. S. Miller $70.91 T. Newham $13,13; H. A. Miller & Co. $14.88; S. Hetherington $52; J. Kerr $11,25; M. Stowell $6,25; F. Porrett $41,50; J. F. Richardson $5; James Kerr $4.25; Daily Telegraph $41,75; A. O. Zabriskie $63,62; Marshall & Morris $5; Marshall & Morris $21; Marshall & Morris $15; Marshall & Morris $5; Marshall and Morris $37; H. Mc. Lane $21,13.

The following claims were presented and referred as follows James Wiley $11; E. Hope Jr. $6,50; Wm. Howeth $10. Referred to the Committee on Alms.

Claims of special Police at the N. Y. & Erie Railroad Depot $28,50. Referred to the Committee on Police and License.

Claim of A. Love $71,56. Referred to Committee on Streets

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's Office, July 4th, 1854, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of Proceedings of the Common Council:

Resolved, that a warrant be drawn in favor of the Alms Committe for fifty dollars. The committee having paid that sum for a cow for the use of the alms house.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, July 3, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I herewith return, without my approval, a resolution authorizing a warrant to be drawn in favor of the Committee on Alms for fifty dollars, they having assumed or paid that amount for a cow for the alms house.

Soon after the organization of the city government under the present charter, while I had the honor to be a member of the Common Council, a resolution of similar import, appropriating money to a committee, was adopted, but not without my efforts and vote to prevent its passage, believing as I did, that it was not in accordance with the plain provisions of the charter, and would have a tendency to render complex and intricate the accounts of the city. A precedent was then set to appropriate money to committes, which has been since practiced, and in my judgment has been carriad to an abuse, so much so, that I felt called upon to direct the attention of your honorable body to the subject in my last annual message, indulging the hope that you would concur with me in the propriety of checking this apparently growing evil at once.

The charter directs in unmistakable language, that no member of the Common Council shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract, or business, or the sale of any article. the expense or price of which is to be paid out of the city treasury, and further directs, that no warrant shall be paid out of the treasury except in pursuance of a resolution of the Common Council, and entered in their minutes; and all such warrants shall specify the object, amount, and be made payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the same; and the City Clerk is enjoined not to deliver any warrant without taking a receipt in the margin of the warrant book from the party to whom it belongs. In the present case, the object is set forth, but the aldermen who have made the purchase must be more or less interested in drawing the above named amount from the treasury. Now it appears to me, that everything necessary for the use of the city should be purchased in its corporate name, and proper and legal vouchers taken for the payment of the same; and if the city cannot buy a cow in this way, then, in my opinion, the time has not yet come for the corporation to own one.

There are cases that I might name where money has been appropriated to committees, and its expenditure not alone confined to the purpose named in in the warrant, as required by the charter.

Apart from the charter objections to this mode of expending the public money there are others to which I will direct your attention. No provision has ever been made for the proper accounting of these appropriations by the committees, some have accounted to other committees, while others have not accounted at all; at least the books of the corporation show no record of such accounting; this is, in my judgment, wrong, both in principle and practice. As faithful public servants, it should be our aim, as it is our duty, to keep our citizens advised of all expenditures of the public money, and this can only be done by publishing the items with the proceedings of the Common Council, and by having all such special appropriations heretofore made properly opened on the books of the corporation, showing the time when received by the respective committees, when disbursed, and to whom. Without dilating the subject, I return the resolution, not to deprive the corporation of the cow, and the use of unadulterated milk, but for the purpose of having the bill properly presented, audited, and paid in the manner pointed out in the city charter. D. S MANNERS.

Ald. Rappleyea moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Slater.

Absent—Ald. Green, Hill, Low, White, Whitlock and Thompson.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office June 27th, 1854, was read and ordered to be entered at large in the journal of the proceedings of the Common Council:

Resolved, That Charles J. Farley and Nathaniel Ellis, constables, be, and they are hereby employed to ascertain the names of the persons who have been, are, or may be found violating the provisions of the ordinance entitled, "An ordinance concerning inns and taverns," approved August 18th, 1853, and to report the same to the city attorney, and make complaint under the direction of said officer, before the Recorder, against all persons whom they may find violating the provisions of the said ordinance, and also to report to the city attorney, and take all necessary measures for the conviction of any person or persons found driving a cart or carts in Jersey City without the license required to be obtained under the provisions of the ordinance relating to the licensing of cartmen; and that the said Charles J. Farley and Nathaniel Ellis shall receive for their services, under this resolution, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day each, and shall continue to act until the further action of this Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, June 27th, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I have received and return without my sanction a resolution proposing to employ two of the city constables to perform certain duties, in making complaints etc., against persons violating two of the ordinances of the city, and to pay them for such services one dollar and fifty cents each per day.

While I am ever ready to lend my aid to all legal measures to enforce the penalties of the law against every person violating the ordinances of the city, I can not consent to be made a party to an act, which clearly contemplates the violation of one law in order to enforce or execute another.

No logical deductions are necessary to prove that the resolution under consideration is in direct violation of that instrument which we have all sworn to support. The charter declares that the Common Council shall only have power to prescribe the duties of all officers of the city, both elected and appointed, and to fix the compensation for their services by ordinances, and not by resolution as is now proposed.

I therefore return the resolution for your further deliberation.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be, and are hereby authorized to purchase from Mr. Hiram Gilbert in the name, and for the use of the city, for the purpose of erecting a public school house. Lots No. 19 20 21 22 Erie street between South 5th and South 6th street on block 151 as laid down on Coles map for the sum of Five Thousand dollars, and that the bond or bonds of the city be issued therefor in favor of Mr. Hiram Gilbert for five years bearing interest, at, and after the rate of Six per cent per annum, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, and that his Honor the Mayor and the City Clerk be, and hereby are authorized to execute said bond or bonds on the requisition of said Finance Committee.

Which was adopted, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, as follows:

Ayes—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, and authorized to cause the sunken and submerged lots situated between Prospect street and Warren street and south of Steuben street and north of Railroad Avenue to be drained and the same to be paid out of the City Treusury, provided the expense shall not exceed the sum of Fifty dollars.

Ald. White offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That permission be granted to the owners of Property on Gregory street, to have Gregory st. between Montgomery st. and Henderson st. graded, paved, curbed guttered and side walks laid 4 feet wide, said work to be done under the direction of the Committee on Streets and StreetCommissioner

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the ordinance entitled an "Ordinance declaring nuisances" be printed on slips for the use of the Common Council. Which motion was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea moved to take up the "Ordinance to provide for the purchase of lots, and for the erection of school houses thereon, which after being read by sections and considered was passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays having been ordered and taken.

Ayes—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Green, Hill, Thompson and Whitlock.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, when this Board adjourns, it adjourns to meet at the Common Council Chamber in Grand street on Tuesday evening next July 11th at 8 o'clock P. M.

Ald. Low offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr. E. Cunard in relation to enclosing the Dock foot of Graud street and preventing the citizens from going thereon.

The President appointed as such committee.

Ald. Low, Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the Board then adjourned.

J. S. DAVENPORT City Clerk, protem.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council of Jersey City, held at the Common Council Chamber, July 11th, 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Hill, Keeney, Rapplepea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrell, Whitlock.

Subsequentely Ald. Edge, Gardner and White, appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald. Green and Low.

The following communications were presented:

Petition of P. N. Horsley to be allowed the use of the 4th ward pound. Referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

William Pile presented his annual statement as City Auctioneer, and asking a gain to be appointed Report ordered filed and license granted.

Ald. Hill presented claims for workmen on public streeets, amounting to $334 81, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Claim of James Fuller $28 50.

Remonstrance of Charles J. Smith and others against the confirmation of the assessment of Steuben and Morgan streets. Laid on the table temporarily.

Ald. Edge, Gardner, and White, appeared and took their seats.

Petition of John Mills and others for a lamp in Steuben street. Referred to the committee on lamps.

Communication of John G. McLaughlin, asking permission to let brick pavement in front of his property remain. Referred to the committee on streets

Claim of Wm. Eaton, lamp lighter, $20. Referred to committee on lamps.

Claim of W. D. Stivers, $1,17. Referred to the committee on watch.

Claim of W. D. Stivers, $92. Referred to committee on finance.

Claim of H. A. Miller, for camphene $91,50. Referred to committee on lamps.

Claim of O. Burbank, $3; Patrick Lee, $1,50; O. Burbank $3; O. Burbank $5; O. Burbank, $3; O. Burbank, $2,50; O. Burbank, 5; James Dolin. $1; Thomas Toilin, $2; Michael Guffin, $6,25; for removing nuisances, were referred to the committee on public health

Communication of Peter Davis and others about disturbance in the 4th Ward, read, considered, and laid on the Table.

The City Clerk reported publication of notice of confirmation of assessment for filling Morgan street, from Prospect street to Warren street; also of confirmation of assessment for filling Steuben street, from Prospect street to Washington street. Report received and ordered filed.

Petition of Hiram Meeker, for a license to peddle fruit, meat, fish and vegetables. The petition was granted and license ordered.

The Committee on Streets reported claim of John Corrigan, for $1,517 06, R. C. Bacot, for $4,500, for work done on north side of Railroad avenue, correct. which were referred to the committee on assessments to be assessed.

The Committee on Streets reported the following bills incorrect, and moved the Clerk be directed to cancel them. The committee also presented new bills for the correct amounts, which were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of workmen on public streets, $147 83, $88 87 $202 25.

The Committee on Streets reported the following bills, which had been referred to them at previous meetings as correct, for the several amounts, and they were ordered paid:

Of James Fielder, $103 31; P. Coyle, $2; E. Morris, $5 88; E. Morris, $6; James S. Bishop, $171 50, and Wm. Coleman, $13 90.

The Committee on Streets reported on the application of John Van Vorst to be permitted to fill Steuben street, in front of his property. Report received.

Also, on the petition of Daniel Keenan and others for the privilege of regulating and paving Mercer street, between Henderson and Grove streets, at their own expense The committee reported in favor of granting the request, provided they will pay for a superintendent, to be appointed by the committee on streets. Report received and recommendation adopted.

Also, on the petition of Isaac Van Dyke and others, to have a nuisance, near American Hotel, removed. The committee reported the nuisance abated, and the report was received.

Also on the communication of John D. Ward president of the Board of Water Commissioners relating to numbering the streets. The committee reported they had advertised for proposals, had received, and reported proposals, to the Common Council. Report received.

Ald Hill, chairman of Committee on Streets, made a statement to the Board, that the Committe on Streets were, instructed to advertise for Proposals for filling Prospect street; they had done so, and fixed the time to the 1st Tuesday, in July for receiving them, that since that time he had received one Proposal for said work, and wished instructions from the Common Council as to the propriety of presenting it, which matter was discussed, and decided to reject said proposal.

The Committee on Streets reported that they had advertised for proposals for filling Steuben street, and up to the time fixed by the advertisement they had received but one proposal which they presented, which was opened and read, and found to be from Charles A. Tanner, accompanied by a Bond, which were referred to the committee on streets with instructions to contract with Mr. Tanner if they deem it to the interest of the city so to do.

Ald. Hill presented the following bills, which were referred to the committee on streets:

Bill of James F. Fielder, $833 43; James F. Fielder, $45 75; Bacot & Wood, $40; Bacot & Wood, $125; James F. Fielder, $4,181 86.

Petition of James King for a license to peddle fruit and vegetables. Petition granted, and license ordered.

Ald. Edge presented the following bill:

Claim of W. A. Crawford for refreshments furnished Washington Engine Co. No. 4, $5 37. Refered to the committee on fire and water.

Claim of John O'Neil, 50 cents for carting hose.—Refered to the committee on fire and water.

Claim of John O'Neil, $1, for drawing Washington Engine No. 4, from Sussex st. to Michigan street. Refered to the committee on fire and water.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report on the remonstrance of Wm. M. S. Garrison, against the confirmation of the assessment on Morgan street The report was received.

Ald. Davenport moved to take from the table the communication of Charles J. Smith and others, presented this evening and laid upon the table, which motion was adopted, after again reading the communication and considering the same.

The Committee on Assessments presented the assessors report and assessment map for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

Which was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and White.

Nays—Ald. Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

The Committee on Public Health reported the bill of O. Burbanks, for $5, correct, which was ordered paid.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved that the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to procure, for the use of Hudson Hose Company, No. 1, a suitable room to hold their meetings in, at a cost not to exceed fifty dollars per year.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Garret E. Winants, for twenty-five hundrd and eleven dollars and twenty cents, being the amount of his bill for filling Morgan street, from the westerly side of Prospect street to the westerly side of Warren street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote the ayes and nays being ordered and taken.

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be, and are hereby authorized to borrow for the use of the city, the sum of *Ten Thousand Dollars* for *two years* at a rate of interest not to exceed 7 per cent per annum, and that the Bonds of the city be issued for the same.

Ald. Tyrrell presented the following entitled ordinances and moved they be laid upon the table which motion was adopted.

An Ordinance further prescribing the duties of Street Commissioner.

An Ordinance concerning Junk, Old Rope &c &c.

On motion of Ald. Gardner the ordinance establishing a day Police was taken from the table and after reading and amending, it was ordered to be printed on slips for the use of the Common Council.

Ald. Slater had permission to present a claim of William Whitley for $50; for a cow for the Alms House which was referred to the committee on alms

On Motion of Ald. Davenport the ordinance defining the duties of the Collector of Taxes was taken from the table, read, amended, and passed by the following vote the ayes and nays being ordered and taken.

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner. Hill, Keeney. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

On motion it was ordered to be engrossed, signed by the President and City Clerk and presented to his Hon the Mayor for his approval.

On motion pf Ald. Davenport the ordinance defining the duties of the Collector of Assessments was taken from the table, read, a mended and passed by the following vote the ayes and nays being ordered and taken.

Ayes—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, Thompson White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

Ald. Edge was excused from voting.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the ordinance was ordered engrossed, signed by the President and City Clerk, and presented to his Honor the Mayor for his approval.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance to provide for the opening of Colgate street was taken from the table, read and considered, and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been orderod and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

On motion, it was

Resolved. That the ordinance was ordered engrossed, signed by the President and City Clerk, and presented to his Honor the Mayor for his approval.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance to provide for the opening of Varick street was taken from the table, read, considered, and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

On motion it was resolved that the ordinance was ordered engrossed to be signed by the President and City Clerk and presented to his Hon the Mayor for his approval.

On motion of Ald. Hill the ordinance to provide for the opening of Putnam street, was taken up read, considered, and passed by the following vote the ayes and nays being ordered and taken.

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

On motion it was resolved that the ordinance be engrossed, signed by the President and City Clerk and presented to his Hon the Mayor for his approval.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance to provide for filling in and laying cross walks at the intersection of Barrow and Bright, street, was taken from the table, read, considered and passed by the following vote the ayes and nays being ordered and taken.

Ayes—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene and Low.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the ordinance be engrossed, signed by the President and City Clerk, and presented to his Honor the Mayor for his approval.

Ald. Gardner moved to reconsider the vote ordering the bill of special police on the 4th of July paid, which motion was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Gardner, the bill was referred back to the committee on police and licenses.

Ald. Thompson presented an ordinance for the assessment and collection of an annual tax, which was laid on the table.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned. J. S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk *pro tem.*

## BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS.

In compliance with the provisions of the City Charter the Board of City Canvassers met at the Common Council Chamber, in the Lyceum, on Friday, July 14, 1854, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Special Election held in the First Ward, July 11, 1854, for an Alderman to fill the unexpired time of Thomas W. James, resigned.

The Board was called to order.

Present—Ald. Hill, Edge, Gardner, Thompson, Tyrrell, Rappleyea and Davenport,

Mr. John D. Nolan presented the requisite Certificate of his being appointed by the Judges of Election of the First Ward.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Hill was appointed Chairman.

The Chairman administered to each of the members the Oaths required of them by the City Charter, and Ald. Davenport administered to the Chairman of the Board the Oath required of him by the City Charter.

The City Clerk being absent, Ald. Davenport was appointed Clerk, to whom the Chairman administered the oath required by the Charter.

Mr. John D. Nolan then presented the original statement, which had been delivered to him by the Judges of the Election.

The Board then proceeded to canvass the votes given for Alderman in the First Ward as follows:

Number of Names on the Poll Book two hundred and nine.

Number of votes cast, two hundred and nine.

Timothy L. Smith received one hundred and sixteen.

Brenton B. Grinnell received ninety two.

One blank was cast.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, it was

Resolved, That Timothy L. Smith be declared elected Alderman of the First Ward, to fill the unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of Thomas W. James.

### DECLARATION.

The Board of City Canvassers after examining the original statement of the result of the Election for Alderman, held in the First Ward of Jersey City, on Tuesday, July 11, 1854, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas W. James, do determine that Timothy L. Smith received the greatest number of votes at said election, and do declare Timothy L. Smith elected Alderman to fill the unexpired term of Thomas W. James, resigned.

SELAH HILL,
JAS. R. THOMPSON,
SAMUEL R. TYRRELL,
R. R. RAPPLEYEA,
J. G. EDGE,
GEO. S. GARDNER,
JAS. S. DAVENPORT,
JOHN D. NOLAN.

**James S. Davenport**, Clerk.

**Jersey City, July 14, 1854.**

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting of the Common Council, held at the Common Council Chamber, Tuesday, July 18th, 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Hill, Smith, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low, Slater and White subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald. Greene.

Ald. Davenport was appointed City Clerk pro tem.

The minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved.

The following communications were presented and referred as follows:

Petition of G. McLaughlin and others, to have side-walks laid, four feet wide, in Grand street, between Barrow and Jersey streets. Ref. to the committee on streets, and Clerk directed to give the usual notice.

Petition of G. McLaughlin and others, for improvement in Jersey street, Barrow and Bright streets. Ref. to the committee on streets.

Petition of Richard Morrell and others to have Wayne street, between Green and Hudson street, filled to the established grade. Ref. to the committee on streets, and the City Clerk instructed to give the usual notice for objections required by the charter.

Petition of Wm. R. Drayton and Anthony Brooks to have South 2d street, between Grove and Prospect streets regulated, graded, curbed, guttered and flagged, four feet wide. Ref. to the committee on streets, and the Clerk directed to give the usual notice for objections.

Petition of J. H. Smyth for permission to let his brick pavement in front of his property remain for the present Laid on the table

Communication from John Van Vorst and others, respecting dead animals remaining in the 4th ward pound. Ref. to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be, and are hereby empowered to have the pound in the 4th ward removed, and the expense not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

The following claims and accounts were presented and referred as follows:

Claim of John Crummey, for $33 05, for meat furnished Alms House. Ref. to committee on alms.

Claim of J. B Harlow, for window blinds for Alms House, amounting to $57 02. Ref. to committee on alms.

Claim of L. A. Pratt & Co., for $5, also of L. A. Pratt & Co., for $15, for printing; of Terrence Beirne, for posting bills, $2, and of C. Young, for engrossing ordinances, $6 80, were referred to the committee on finance.

Claim of judges of special election. Ref. to the committee on salaries, offices and elections.

The report of the City Treasurer was presented, read and referred to the committee on finance.

Claims of B. W. Ryder, for regulating Coles street, $2043 65; Bacot & Wood, $75; Bacot & Wood, $75; Daniel Keenan, $1582 65; Smith Mead, $3 75; John Hedden, $3061; B. Kissam, $51 25, and A. Love, $23 94. Ref. to committee on streets.

Claim of Isaac Wakefield for $16 89, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Claim of O. Barbanks, $12; O. Burbanks, $3, for removing nuisances. Ref. to the com. on health.

Claim of John Francisco for impounding dogs, $18. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Claims of John Booboo for repairing public pound, $6 75; and of P. N. Horsley, $6, for disposal of dogs. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Claims of J. J. Wanner for $9 50, of J. D. V. B. Van Doren for $34 87, of W. R. & C. B. Jaquins for $47 91, for refreshments furnished firemen. Ref. to the committee on fire and water.

Claim of T. Newham for repairing pumps, $24 25. Ref. to the committee on fire and water.

Claim of Board of Education, amounting to $2188 27, for teachers salaries, was presented and warrant ordered in favor of said amount.

The following claims, having been referred at previous meetings, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of W. D. Stivers, 92 cents; S. Quaif, $15; J. Burne, $2; John Creech, $6; A. Love, $71 56, and James Fielder, $28 50.

The Committee on Fire and Water presented a report from the chief engineer of the fire department, with a list of the members elected by some of the companies, and of the dismissal of one. Report received, ordered filed, and the newly elected members names enrolled, and the names of the persons resigned and dismissed stricken from the roll.

The Committee on Streets reported on communication of Clerk & Bacot, for permission to fill in Harsimus street. Report received.

Claim of Alex. Wilson, for regulating south side of Railroad avenue, $382 56; of Bacot & Wood, for surveys, $15; of Alex. Wilson, for regulating Warren street, between Newark avenue and Morgan street, $851 68, and Bacot & Wood, for surveys, etc., $40. Referred to the committee on assessments, to be assessed.

The committee on streets reported they had contracted with Charles A Tanner for filling Prospect street and presented contract and Bond therefor.

Oo motion of Ald Hill his Hon. the Mayor be requested to sign the same and the Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

Ald. Hill presented an ordinance to provide for opening Grove street. Laid on the table.

The joint committees of streets and assessments presented their report on a plan of numbering the houses throughout Jersey City, which was read, considered, and, approved and recommendation adopted, and the committee on streets were instructed to contract with the lowest bidder for doing said work provided they deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on streets are hereby authorized and directed to employ one of the City Surveyors to make a temporary map for the purpose of numbering all the houses throughout the city and the sum for said map shall not exceed fifty dollars.

Ald. Slater asked and obtained the suspension of the rules to enable him to present the following bill:

Claim of John B. Hartford for removing sick to hospital, $1. Ref. to the committee on alms.

The Committee on Police and Licenses reported in favor of granting license to William Bavier as one of the city auctioneers. Report received and recommendation adopted, and license ordered.

Claim of William Whitley for a cow for the alms house. Reported correct by the committee on alms, was ordered paid.

The Committee on Lamps reported on the application for lamps in Steuben street favorably. The report was received, recommendation adopted, and lamps ordered to be erected.

The following claims, referred to their appropriate committees at previous meetings, were reported correct and ordered paid:

W. A. Crawford, $3 37; John O'Neil, 50 cents; same, $1; W. D. Stivers, $1 19; O. Burbank, $8; O. Burbank, $3; O. Burbank, $2 50; Michael Griffin, $6 25; James Dolan, $1; O. Burbank, $3; T. Toilin, $2; Burbank, $5; O. Burbank, $5; P. Lee, $1 50.

Ald. Edge and Gardner had leave and retired.

The Clerk presented the following veto message from his Honor the Mayor, filed with City Clerk on July 8th, 1854, which was read and ordered to be entered at large in the proceedings of the meeting of the Common Council:

Resolved. That an allowance of two hundred dollars br made the City Clerk to pay clerk hire for this present corporation year.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, July 8, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I herewith return, without my approval, a resolution authorizing an allowance of two hundred dollars to the City Clerk, to pay clerk hire for this present corporation year.

The resolution before me cannot be carried into effect, without directly contravening a plain provision of the charter.

The City Clerk, like every other officer appointed or elected under the charter, and receiving pay from the city treasury, must have his allowance or compensation fixed for his services by general ordinance. The general salary ordinance for the present year has not yet been established, and the only legal allowance that can be made to the City Clerk, for the duties of his office, must be fixed by such ordinance, and not by resolution.

I therefore return the resolution for re-consideration. D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was not adopted, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Hill, Smith, Keeney, Low, Slater, Thompson White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner and Greene.

Resolved, That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objection of his Honor the Mayor.

Bill of R. B. Kashow, for $85 09, for stationery, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

Ald. Cleveland presented an ordinance entitled. an ordinance to amend an ordinance concerning inns and taverns, approved August 18, 1853. Laid on the table.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that the committee on public grounds and buildings be instructed to have the foundation of Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriage house on the corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets made by driving piles, providing the expense does not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars more than the proportions already received for building the above buildings.

The President appointed Ald. Smith chairman of the committee on laws, and to occupy the same position in the other committees as was filled by Mr. Thomas W. James.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution which was laid on the table.

Resolved, that the committee on public grounds and buildings be, and they are hereby anthorized to cause a good and substantial fence to be erected around Hamilton Square in the fourth ward at a cost not to exceed fifty cents per foot: said square to be fenced, in the manner decided by the courts.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution which was laid on the table.

Resolved, that the committee on health be instructed to advertise for propopsals for the filling of sunken lots on blocks No. 73 and 74 west of Prospect street and between Bay street and Railroad Avenue, according to an ordinance authorizing the same to be done.

Ald. Thompson offered the following preamble resolution which was adopted.

Whereas it appears from the recent Veto Message of his honor the Mayor returning a resolution appropriating money to a committee of this Board that the books of the corporation do not properly represent all the appropriations heretofore made to the several committees and the manner in which they have been expended, and whereas it is made the duty of the Comptroller by the fifth section of the ordinance defining his duty, that he shall examine and adjust all accounts whatsoever that may be referred to him by the Common Council.

Therefore Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized and directed to open a separate account with every committee to whom appropriations have heretofore been made since the enactment of the present city charter and adjust said accounts by crediting the disbursement under the several appropriations and report in detail their situation with the facts in relation thereto to this Board.

Ald. Hill presented a remonstrance from John Corrigan and others against opening Grove st. which was referred to the committee on streets.

Ald. Slater moved, that when this Board adjourns it adjourns to meet at the City Clerk's office on Friday next, July 21, 1854, at 9 o'clock P. M., which was adopted.

On motion of Ald. White the ordinance "Declaring nuisances" was taken from the table, read and considered, and on motion of Ald. Low the further consideration of it was postponed for the present and again laid on the table.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board adjourned

J. S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk *pro tem.*

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting of the Common Council of Jersey City, held at the City Clerk's office on Friday evening, July 21st, 1854.

Present—Ald. Hill, Slater, Smith, Tyrrell, White, Thompson, Edge and Davenport.

No quorum being present, the Board adjourned.

JAMES S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk pro tem.

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Special meeting of the Common Council, called by his Honor the Mayor, at the Common Council Chamber, July 25th, 1854.

Present—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Hill, Slater, Smith, Tyrrell, Thompson, Low, White and Whitlock.

Subsequently Ald. Cleveland and Gardner appeared and took their seats.

Absent—The President, Ald. Greene, Keeney and Rappleyea.

The President being absent, on motion of Ald. Slater, Ald. Low was appointed President pro tem.

The Clerk read the following call of his Honor the Mayor, setting forth the purposes for which the meeting was called.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
Jersey City, July 25th, 1854.

*City Clerk.:*

You are hereby authorized and directed to give notice to the respective members of this Common Council, that there will be a special meeting of that body held at the Common Council Chamber this evening, (25th inst.,) at 8 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of acting on the ordinances heretofore properly introduced, and now upon the table—for reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting of the Common Council—for receiving and acting upon the semi-annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners—for to take measures to provide for the better security of public health—for to provide for the proper adjustment of Steuben street assessment—for to receive and act upon the petition, for paving the north side of Railroad avenue, from Barrow to Brunswick street—for to receive and act on petition for opening and connecting Brunswick and Gilbert streets.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

P. S. The meeting was called at the request of Ald. Davenport, Hill and Rappleyea.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ald. Hill presented a petition from Andrew Clerk and others, to cause Brunswick and Gilbert streets to be opened so far as to connect, and that all that part of said street lying north of the Railroad be known and called Brunswick street.

The petition was referred to the committee on streets, and the clerk directed to give the notice of the application required by the charter.

Ald. White presented a petition from Wm. White and others to have the north side of Railroad avenue, between Jersey street and Brunswick street, paved. The petition was referred to the committee on streets, and the Clerk directed to give the notice of the application required by the charter.

A communication was received from his honor the mayor, with accompanying documents, which shall appear to-morrow.

On motion of Ald. Hill the fifth semi-annual report of the Board of Water Commissioners, with accompanying documents, be published in the minutes of this meeting, and 500 copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form for distribution, which was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Slater, the following resolution, laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken from the table:

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to advertise for proposals for the filling of sunken lots on blocks 73 and 74, lying west of Prospect street and between Bay street and Railroad avenue, according to an ordinance authorising the same to be done.

On motion of Ald. Slater the resolution was adopted by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered and taken:

Ayes—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Smith, Low, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald. Green, Keeney and Rappleyea.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that, the street committee, be instructed to perform said work in accordance to the requirements of the ordinance therefor, passed by the Common Council Sept 6th 1853 and approved by his Hon. the Mayor Sept. 9th 1853.

Ald. Whitlock offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the committee on public health be instructed to procure lime, and have the same distributed through the gutters in Jersey City at an expense not to exceed forty dollars.

On motion of Ald. Davenport the ordinance establishing a day Police was taken from the table, read: afterwards taken up by sections, read, and amended and adopted as amended by the following votes the ayes and nays being ordered and taken.

Ayes—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Smith, Low, Slater, Thompson and White.

Nays—Ald. Cleveland, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Green, Keeney and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Davenport the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the ordinance, be engrossed, signed by the President and Clerk and be presented to his Hon. the Mayor for his approval.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the committee on assessments be authorized to refer the whole matter relating the assessment for filling Steuben street from Green st. to Prospect st. to the City Attorney and A. O. Zabriskie Esq. for their written opinion on the various legal points involved therein and for directions to be pursued to legally confirm said assessment.

On motion of Ald Tyrrell, the ordinance fixing salaries was taken from the table, read in sections and items considered and passed, by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Smith, Low, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald. Greene, Keeney and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, the ordinance was ordered to be engrossed, signed by the President and Clerk, and presented to his Honor the Mayor for his approval.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Smith, Low, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald. Greene, Keeney and Rappleyea.

Resolved, That the sunken lots situated east of Prospect street and west of Warren street, between Railroad avenue and Steuben street, be filled in with gravel or earth to the depth of one foot, done under the ordinance to abate nuisances.

On motion of Ald Edge, the Board adjourned.

J. S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk pro tem.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Common Council Chamber August 1st, 1854, at 8 o'clock.

Present—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Green, Smith, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell.

At the calling of the roll Ald. Gardner, Hill, Low, White and Whitlock were absent but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of the special meeting held July 25th, were read and approved, after which the following communications, petitions etc., were presented.

Petition of S. F. Vanderbeek to have his name erased from the petition of John Schofield, for a license to keep an inn and tavern. The request was granted.

Petition of Sidney R. Smith for an auctioneers' license. Petition granted.

Communication from the City Attorney on resolution referred to him May 24th, 1854. Report received and ordered filed in the Clerk's office.

Also, a communication from the City Attorney in relation to a suit now pending between John D. Ward, against the city which was referred to the committee on laws, with power to settle the case.

Communication from D. E. Gavit, asking an appropriation of $100, for which he will furnish directories. Ref. to the committee on finance.

Communication from Mr. H. Rathbone respecting the condition of Greene, York and Montgomery sts., which was referred to the joint committee of sewers and health.

Petition from the fire department for an alteration of the ordinance regulating the fire department, so as to appoint, or elect, four assistant engineers to hold their offices by gradation etc. Ref. to the committee on fire and water.

Claims and accounts—Bill of R. B. Kashow, $54; D. Henderson, $100; Charles J. Farley. $327. Ref. to the finance committee.

Sundry bills for refreshments to the fire department at the late fire, amounting to $349 12, which was then referred to the committee on fire and water.

The following bills were presented, referred to the committee on watch, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

C. J. Farley, $1 40; J. F. Richardson, $8; bills of watchmen for July, $677 07.

The following bills were presented and referred to the committee on alms:

Bills of A. R. Merlett & Co. for groceries for alms house, $151 52; Wetmore & Co., for trimming blinds for alms house, $12 06; Wm. M. S Garrison for bread for alms house, $148 42.

The following bills were referred to the committee on lamps, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Claim of L. B. Hovey, $40; Geo. Morrow, $67 52; R. Billingsley, $40; George Morrow, $51 95; H. A. Miller, $82 40.

Claim of R. S. Gilman $145 82. Ref. to the committee on salaries, offices and elections, and afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Claim of W. & C. B. Jaquins for refreshments to fire department, amounting to $9 62. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Claim of A. Love, $2; S. H. Many, $6 59; Jas. F. Fielder, $1551 62 1-2; Bacot & Wood,$50. Ref. to the committee on streets.

Claim of John Francisco, $17; Daily Telegraph, $286 Ref. to the committee on finance.

Claim of J. Wandle, $31 25, J. Wandle, $31 25. Ref. to the committee on public grounds and buildings, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Claim of S. H. Many, $3 99, Jas. F. Fielder, $91 35. Ref. to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

The following bills were referred to the committee on salaries, offices and elections:

Claim of G. E. Cutter, $125; Daily Telegraph, $100, City Canvassers at special election, $18.

Claim of special police at last fire, $53 50. Ref. to the committee on police and licenses.

Claim of A. A. Rice, for painting on hose carriage No. 3. $50; T. Newham, repairing pumps, $23 88, and S. H. Many, $29 90. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Claim of James Flemming, for assessing. $400. Ref. to the committee on assessments.

Claim of P. N. Horsley for $200. Ref. to committee on finance.

Claim of P. N. Horsley, amounting to $6, for disposing of dogs, referred at a previous meeting to the committee on public grounds and buildings, and by them handed back as not belonging to their committee. Ref. to the committee on finance.

Claim of John Sanfrancisco, amounting to $18, referred at a previous meeting to the committee on public grounds and buildings, and by them handed back as not belonging to them. Ref. to committee on finance.

Claim of Overseer of Poor, one quarter's salary, $100. Ref. to the committee on salaries, offices and elections.

The following bills were referred to the committee on health:

Claim of John Ormel, $3 37; O. Burbanks, $6 50; O. Burbanks, $8; A. Love, $15 75; C. A. Tanner, $25, and O. Burbanks, $8

Claim of John Francisco, for impounding dogs, $8. Ref. to the committee on finance.

A requisition from the Board of Education amounting to $39.18 was ordered paid.

Claim of C. Young, $6.80; L. A. Pratt & Co. $5.00; R. B. Kashow $85.09; L. A. Pratt & Co. $15.00; referred at a previous meeting to the committee on finance, who reported them correct and they were ordered paid.

The Commitee on Finance asked and obtained leave to withdraw an ordinance providing for "an Annual Tax" at a previous meeting

The Committee on Finance presented an Ordinance entitled "an Ordinance for the Assessment and Collection of an Annual Tax," which was laid upon the Table.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances presented a report on communication of George M'Laughlin, respecting signs which was presented to the Common Council, Feb. 21st, 1854, which report was received.

The committee on streets reported the following claims:

Claim of B. W. Ryder of $9505 50, reported correct for $9427 50; Isaac Wolf, $78 00; Wm. Moore,

$86 25; R. C. Bacot, $225, which was referred to the committee on assessments to be assessed.

Claim of John Headden, $30 61; A. Love, $23 49, were reported correct by the committee on streets, and ordered paid.

Petition of Thomas & Haley for new leases for lots on Hudson street, stating in their communication said papers have been lost. Ref. to the City Attorney.

The committeee on streets reported on an appropriation of $400 made to them in may last, with the vouchers therefore, which was referred to the committee on finance.

Ald. Hill presented the following ordinances:

To provide for filling, curbing, guttering, and flagging north side of South Second st., between Grove and Prospect sts., and

An ordinance to provide for filling, paving, and laying cross-walks on north side of Railroad avenue, which were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Streets had received, and now presented a great number of proposals, accompanied with bonds for various improvements, which were separately read, and on motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Resolved, That all the proposals be referred to the committee on streets, with power to contract with the lowest bidder, provided they deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered and taken:

Resolved, That improvement certificates for two-thirds the amount of B. W. Ryder's contract on Morgan street, be granted.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Smith, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Claim of Fidelity Division Sons of Temperance, for one quarter's rent for Common Council Chamber, $37 50, which was afterwards reported correct and ordered paid,

The following claims, referred at previous meetings to the committee on alms, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Claim of J. B. Harlon, $57 02; J. B. Hartford, $1; John Crummy, $33 05; Wm. Howeth, $10; Jas. Wiley, $11, and E. Hope, $6 50.

The following bills referred previously to the committee on police and licenses, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Claim of Sunday police for May, $32; ditto for April, $47 50; John R. Benedict, reported correct for $6.

The following claims were presented, referred to the committee on police and licenses, who reported them correct, and they were ordered paid:

Claim of N. Ellis for boarding prisoners, $61 79; Sunday police for July, $47 50.

The committee on assessments reported the board of commissioners of assessment, report and assessmont maps for the following purposes:

Assessment for filling north side of Railroad ave. nineteen feet in width, betweeu Warren and Prospect streets, north of the property of New Jersey R. R. Co.

Regulating Warren street from Montgomery to Morgan street.

Regulating and flagging of Railroad avenue on the south side, between Grove and Gilbert street.

Regulating Warren street, between Bergen street and Essex street.

Montgomery street, between Grove and Henderson street,

which were ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's Office, and the City Clerk directed to give the usual notice of the filing of said report and maps in accordance with the requirements of the City Charter.

The following claims which had been referred at previous meetings to variousCommittees were reported correct and ordered paid.

Claim of O. Burbanks, $12.00; O. Burbanks, $3.00; John Boobo, $6.75; W. Weir, $8.00; T. Newham, $24.25; claim of W. R. & C. B. Jaquins for refreshments furnished fire department, amounting to $47.91 was ordered paid by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Slater and Cleveland.—Ayes, the President, Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner Green, Hill, Smith, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrell, Whitlock,—Nayes, Ald. Davenport, Slater & White.

Claim of J. D. V. B. Van Doren for refreshment to Fire Department, amounting to $34.87, reported correct by the Committee on Fire and Water, was ordered paid by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Slater and Cleveland.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Smith, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Slater and White.

(Ald. Edge, Gardner, Hill, Smith, Low and Thompson qualified their vote upon the above bills, by saying they voted in favor of paying these bills with the understanding that these shall be the last bills for this purpose to be paid by the Common Council.)

Claim of J. J. Wanner, for refreshments to the fire department, amounting to $9 50, was reported correct by the committee on fire and water, and ordered paid by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Slater and Cleveland:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Smith, Keeney, Rappleyea, Low, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Slater and White.

Claim of Marshall & Morris, for repairing locks, 2 25. Reported correct and ordered paid.

The Committee on Sewers reported on petition of F. Spengeman and others for repairing sewers, recommending that the Committee on Sewers be instructed to advertise for proposals for cleaning Henderson street sewer between Newark avenue and Gregory street. Report received and recommendation adopted.

Claim of Clerk & Bacot, $15. Referred to Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings.

Official Bond of E. B. Sipple. Referred to the Finance Committee.

The following communication from his Honor the Mayor was referred to the City Attorney.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, August 1, 1854.

John H. Lyon, Esq., Pres. of Common Council:

Dear Sir—The enclosed summons was served on me by leaving it at my residence on the 28th ult., you will please lay the same before the Common Council. Yours, with respect,
D. S. MANNERS.

*Hudson County, ss.*—The State of New Jersey to the Sheriff of the county of Hudson.

Greeting:

[L. S.] We command you to summon the mayor and common council of Jersey City to be, and appear before our circuit court, to be holden at North Bergen, in, and for our said county of Hudson, on the 5th day of August next, to answer unto Garret E. Winants, in a plea of breach of covenant to the damage of the said Garret E. Winants, of twenty thousand dollars, as is said, and have you shew there this writ. Witness, the Honorable Daniel Haines, Judge of Circuit Court, at North Bergen aforesaid, the first Tuesday in May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.
R. GILCHRIST, *Clerk.*

J. D. Miller, Att'y.

The following communication from his Honor the Mayor was referred to the Committee on Watch.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, August 1, 1854.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

Since your last meeting I have suspended from duty Daniel Calhoun, one of the city watchman, the charges preferred against him are herewith submitted for investigation, in compliance with the requirements of the city charter.
D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Jersey City, July 27th, 1854.

Hon. D. S. Manners, Mayor:

Dear Sir—Daniel Calhoun, city watchman, was on the 26th guilty of violating the ordinance to regulate and govern the Watch Department by disobeying orders of the Captain and by leaving his beat before being relieved. The part of the Ordinance violated is on the 74th page of the Ordinances of 1854. Yours most respectfully,
CHARLES J. FARLEY, Capt. Watch.

The following veto from his Honor the Mayor was received and read, and ordered to be entered at large in the minutes and published with the proceedings of the Common Council:

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, August 1, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return without my approval "An ordinance to provide for the filling in, paving, laying cross-walks at the intersections of Barrow and Bright streets, formerly Grand street."

An ordinance has already been passed for the improvement of Bright street, providing for the filling and laying cross-walks, etc., at the intersection above named. Proposals have also been received for its execution, and the work awarded to the lowest bidder. The work, however, has been delayed by reason of an injunction granted by the Chancellor, on complaint of Charles M. Holmes, staying its execution—which was served on the Mayor and Common Council in December last, and which order strictly enjoined and commanded the Mayor and Common Council, their attorneys, solicitors, officers, workmen and agents, and each and every one of them, under the penalty that may fall thereon, that each and every one of them do from henceforth altogether and absolutely desist and refrain from doing any official act, or take any proceedings, the effect of which would be to declare Grand or Bright street in Jersey City, a street only of sixty feet in width, until the Court of Chancery shall make other order to the contrary. I am informed that the order of the Court has not yet been vacated. The ordinance before me does not define the width of Bright street, but the Common Council have heretofore provided and directed that the curb and gutter stone of Bright street shall be laid down in the same manner as are laid on streets of sixty feet in width, which direction would have to govern the improvement contemplated by the ordinance under consideration, and therefore, if carried into effect, it would be in direct violation of the injunction of the chancellor, and virtually a contempt of court. Besides, should the improvement be made under the authority of the ordinance before me, no legal assessment could be made therefor.

Under these circumstances, I return the ordinance for re-consideration. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Rappleyea moved the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, which was not adopted, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered and taken:

Ayes—Ald. Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Smith, Keeney, Low, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, Whitlock.

The following report of the Captain of the watch was received, ordered filed, and published in the proceedings of the meeting of the Common Council:

*To the Honorable the Common Council of Jersey City:*

Gentlemen—In obedience to the ordinance governing this department requiring the Captain of the Watch to report to the Common Council once in three months the state of the watch department, the names of the watchmen, and the number of nights they severally have been on duty for the three months immediately preceding such report etc., I respectfully report—That the department consists, as required by ordinance, of a captain, assistant captain, twenty-four watchmen, two of the number acting as roundsmen, and four chancemen, each of the latter being qualified by the same oath of office as the regular watchmen. The force is divided into two equal parts, one part being on patrol duty at a time. The city is divided into eleven patrol districts, or beats, as defined by the Common Council in the ordinance, and two men are assigned to each of those beats, one relieving the other at 12 1-2 o'clock. The roundsmen are required to go on duty with their respective divisions, and remain with them in discharge of their duties until they are relieved, or until the watchmen are taken off duty in the morning. The captain and assistant captain comply with the same rules of duty as are prescribed for the men, one or the other being on duty at all times with the watch. The portion of the night on which the roundsmen, with their respective divisions are on duty, is changed once a week on Friday night, so that the men doing duty the first part of the night one week will be on the last part of the night on the following week. The Captain and Assistant Captain change every night, the object of this difference is to prevent either from being in contact with one set of men exclusively.

I felt it my duty to report one of the men to his Honor the Mayor for suspension, for disobedience of orders and breach of duty; he was suspended. With that exception, I am happy to say, thus far, the men are prompt, energetic and intelligent in discharge of their duties.

The names of the watchmen, with the time each has served since the appointments were made, (it being less than three months) is in tabular form accompanying this report.

During the three months ending July 31st, 1854, there were 257 arrests, 35 of whom were females, for the following offenses, viz: Drunk and disorderly, 104; Larceny, 27; Assaulting officers, 13; Vagrancy, 8; Fighting, 25; Disorderly, 27; Misusing Family, 21; Threatening arson, 1; Interfering in arrest, 4; Assault, 9; Keeping disorderly house, 1; on warrant for violating Ordinance, 1; Adultery, 2; Attempt to murder, 4; Prostitution, 3; Threatening life, 3; Runaway apprentice, 1; Insulting females, 1; Attempt at burglary, 2.

During the three months ending on the 31st July, 1854, there were 280 applications for relief at the Station House, 42 of whom were females: their places of nativity are as follows, viz: Scotland, 5; Switzerland, 3; France, 6; Isle of Man, 1; United States, 27; Germany, 26; Ireland, 176; England, 36.

I wish to call the attention of the Common Council to some defects in the ordinance governing this department. By looking at that part of the ordinance regulating the hours for duty, on page 74 of the ordinances of 1854, you will see that from the 1st of April until the 1st of September the officers are required to remain on duty until five o'clock in the morning. It was found inexpedient to keep the watch on duty after sunrise: in consequence the Common Council, through the committee on watch, directed that they should be taken off duty at sunrise during that portion of the year.

You will also see that the roll for the last part of the night is to be called at 12 1-4 during a part, and at 12 3-4 o'clock the remainder of the year. It has proved more convenient, operates as justly, and is more satisfactory to all the men to have the roll called at 12 1-2 o'clock during the whole year. I would therefore say, if the ordinance was amended in these respects, so as to make our practice at the station house correspond with the printed book put into each man's hand as his guide in matters of duty, it would be better.

There is nothing in the ordinance requiring watchmen to appear at the Recorder's court to give evidence against their prisoners, which is frequently the cause of a great deal of delay and difficulty. It would be a great improvement if it was made obligatory upon an officer, who makes an arrest, to appear against his prisoner in the morning, unless he is excused by the captain on duty when the arrest is made.

The principal defect in the Ordinance to which I wish to call the attention of the Common Council is, that there is not a word in relation to the violation of City Ordinances, and therein the officers have no duties specified to them in regard to that class of offenses. I certainly think it is a matter to which the Common Council should immediately apply a remedy.

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| Peter P. Post, roundsman, has served | 44 nights. |
| Joseph H. Fairbanks, | 40 |
| James McDonald, | 47 |
| John P. Masseker, | 34 |
| William Anness, | 36 |
| Nathaniel Turner, | 46 |
| Francis M. Post, | 31 |
| John H. Smith, | 42 |
| Thomas B. Kissam, | 48 |
| Raynsford Bennet, | 48 |
| Charles Tanner, | 40 |
| Cornelius Petit, | 40 |
| Hiram H. Fenn, roundsman, | 50 |
| Albert G. Gilkyson, | 24 |
| Jonathan H. Baldwin, | 28 |
| Daniel Calhoun, (suspended on the 28th July) | 26 |
| Benjamin Haines, | 54 |
| Thomas Springstein, | 42 |
| John Ayres, | 33 |
| John F. Richardson, | 49 |
| John B. Hartford, | 58 |
| John Van Ryper, | 37 |
| John A. Topping, | 55 |
| Henry Paynton, | 50 |
| James C. Smith, chanceman, | 36 |
| Lewis B. Dye, " | 52 |
| Jarvis L. Ayres, " | 43 |
| William Powers, " | 25 |

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. FARLEY,

Aug. 1st 1854. Capt. of the Watch.

On motion of Ald. Hill the board then proceeded to the election of a City Comptroller.

Ald. Smith and Greene were appointed tellers, but one balloting was had with the following result:

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| David Smith received | 11 votes, |
| O. Burbanks received | 2 votes. |
| Wm. Hanks received | 1 vote, |

Mr. David Smith was declared elected.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

As it is generally believed and currently reported, that the destructive conflagration which has so recently visited our city, was the work of an incendiary; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be requested and urged to use every effort in their power to ascertain the cause of said conflagration, and if deemed advisable by them, that they be authorized to offer a reward, not to exceed one hundred dollars, for the detection of the incendiary, or for any information that may lead to the same.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be directed to have Hamilton Square, in the 4th Ward, located by proper monuments, and the surplus earth on the same measured, and also to ascertain the amount of earth required to complete the grading, and that the committee be authorized to employ the services of a city surveyor, to aid in doing the same.

Ald. Slater moved that the City Clerk be directed to obtain from the Secretary of State, a certified copy of the law passed the Legislature last winter, which was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance to provide for opening and straightening Grove street, was taken from the table, amended, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Smith, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Low and Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance was ordered to be engrossed, signed by the President and Clerk, and presented to his Honor the Mayor for his approval.

The committee on fire and water presented a report from chief engineer of fire department, with a list of persons elected members of the fire department. Report was received and new members ordered enrolled.

Ald. Low, on behalf of special committee appointed to meet Mr. E. Cunard, reported verbally they had met Mr. Cunard, and after considering the subject, ascertained they had been misinformed. Report received, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned. J. S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk pro tem.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Special meeting of the Common Council, held at the city clerk's office, Wednesday evening, August 2d, 1854, at 8 o'clock P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Thompson, Cleveland and Davenport.

The common council was called to order by the clerk, the President being absent.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, Ald. Hill was appointed President, and Ald. Davenport was appointed clerk.

Present—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Smith, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Lyon, Gardner, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and White.

The clerk read the call of the meeting.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, the "Ordinance for the assessment and collection of an annual tax for the year 1854," was taken from the table, read through, afterwards read by sections, amended and passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Smith, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald Gardner, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and White.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, the ordinance was ordered to be engrossed, signed by the President and Clerk, and presented to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

On motion of Ald. Smith, the Board adjourned.

J. S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk pro tem.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, Friday, August 15, 1854.

In the absence of the Presideut the Board was called to order by the City Clerk, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, Ald. Greene was appointed President pro tempore.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 1st. instant and of the special meeting of the 2nd inst. were read and approved.

Petitions and communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Samuel P. Townsend and others to have Varick, and Putnam streets filled in to the depth of three feet between Grand and Canal streets, and Gilchrist and Canal streets filled in to the depth of three feet, from Jersey street to the creek, or westerly limit of the City. Ref. to com. on streets.

Petition of George Stannard, Jr., and others to have fire limits established by ordinance. Ref. to com. on fire and water.

Petition of James Gopsill, to be appointed one of the city auctioneers. Prayer of petitioner granted.

Petition of Alexander Ramsey and others, to have Jersey avenue, between Mill Creek and South Second street, regulated etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Bond of William Pile, as city auctioneer. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of Charles G. Farley, and others, to have Flushing street opened etc. Ref. to committee on streets, and City Clerk directed to give notice through the Corporation Paper, that the Common Council will meet on the first Tuesday in September next, at 8 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider objections to said improvement.

Remonstrance of William Cosgrove, and others, against the paving of the north side of Railroad avenue, between Varick and Brunswick streets. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Petition of Edward Coles, and others, for the establishment of fire limits. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Communication from Empire Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, asking that they may be permitted to increase their numbers to sixty members. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Communication from T.& J. Slater, containing propositions in respect to the City maps commenced by John Bevan. Ref. to joint committee on streets and assessments.

Communication from Wm. H. Horton, asking for the payment of a claim heretofore presented by him. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Clerk & Bacot, $16; and John Francisco, $16. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of C. Young, $3.05. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of O. Burbanks, $10.50; and A. Love, $10.63. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of Thomas B. Kissam, $6 25; John Sylvester, $11 13; Smith Mead, $25; Bacot & Wood, $90; and Wallace & Corrigan, $2870 94. Ref to committee on streets.

Of Strober's express, $8,40; Henry Tilbe, $15; S. Billington, $6; and H. Rathbone, $5 75. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of John Wilson, $13 25; T. Callahan, 50 cents; J. Jelly, $7; Strober's express, $6 50; and Alexander Wines, $937. Ref to committee on fire and water.

Of Isaac Wakefield, $32 94. Ref. to committee on lamps.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Hiram Gilbert, $15; G. W. Cassedy, $64: and J. H. Vondy, $50.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid:

Of J. Francisco, $18; Board of City Canvassers, $18; G. E. Cutter, $125; W. Whitley, $100; Daily Telegraph, $100; Officers of Election in First Ward, (for services at special election of July 11th, 1854,) $16; James Flemming, $4; Daily Telegraph, $286; R. B. Kashow, $54; P. N. Horsley, $2; J. Francisco, $8; J. Francisco, $17; A. Love, $2; S. H. Many, $6 50; and J. F. Fielder, $91 35.

The following claims, referred to the committee on public health at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct by the chairman of that committee, the rules were suspended to enable the Board to receive said reports, and the claims were ordered paid.

Of G. ~~Otwel~~ O'Connel., $3 37; C. A. Tanner, $25; O. Burbanks, $6 50; O. Burbanks, $8; A. Love, $15 75, and O. Burbanks, $8.

The City Clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled Corporation notices, and the same were received and ordered filed, viz:

"Application to have Gilbert street and Brunswick street opened. by extending the lines of Gilbert street until they intersect Brunswick street."

"Application to have South Second street, between Grove street and Prospect street, regulated, curbed, guttered, and four feet flagging laid."

"Confirmation of assessment for regulating of Warren street, between Bergen street and Essex street."

"Confirmation of assessment for regulating of Warren street, from Montgomery street to Morgan street."

"Application to have Wayne street, between Greene street and Hudson street, filled in to the established grade, curbed, guttered and paved."

"Confirmation of assessment for the improvements on Montgomery street, between Grove street and Henderson street."

"Confirmation of assessment for filling the north side of Railroad avenue nineteen feet in width, between Warren street and Prospect street, north of the property of the New Jersey Railroad and Trans. Co."

"Confirmation of assessment for regulating and flagging of Railroad avenue, on the south side, between Grove street and Gilbert street."

"Application to have the south side of Grand street, from Barrow street to Jersey street, flagged four feet wide."

"Application to have the north side of Railroad avenue, between Jersey street and Brunswick street, paved."

The City Clerk presented a communication, in relation to the duties and fees of his office, and asking to have the subject referred to a committee for an examination, and report. Communication referred to committee on finance.

The City Treasurer's report for July, 1854, showing a balance of $210 23 in the treasury on the 1st instant, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing elections, resignations, and expulsions in that Department. The communications were received, elections approved, names of newly elected members ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued, the proper entries of the resignations to be made, and the names of the expelled members to be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department.

The committee on finance reported as correct the statement to them on the 1st, inst., of committee on streets, of their expenditures under the $400 appropriations, made in March last. Report received and ordered filed.

The following claims were presented, referred to the committee on streets, subsequently reported correct, and then referred to the committee on assessments.

Of Alexander Wilson, $2128 86, for the regulation of South 5th street, between Erie street and two hundred feet west of Prospect street; Bacot & Wood, $65; for surveys &c., on same work, and William Moore, $16 25; for superintending paving on Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer streets.

The following claims referred to the committee on streets at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and then referred to the committee on assessments:

Of J. F. Fielder, $45 75; Bacot & Wood, $40; J. F. Fielder, $833 43; Daniel Keenan, $1582 65; Bacot & Wood, $75; B. W. Ryder, 2038 05; Bacot & Wood, $75 09; J. F. Fielder, $4188 85, Smith Mead, $3 75; Bacot & Wood, $125; Thomas B. Kissam, $51 25; J. F. Fielder, $1551 63; and Bacot & Wood, $50.

The committee on finance reported favorably on the application made to the Common Council on the 1st instant by D E. Gavitt for an appropriation of one hundred dollars, for his benefit, for which he agrees to supply copies of his Directory. The report was received.

Ald. Thompson moved "That the appropriation of one hundred dollars, asked for by D. E. Gavitt, be made on the terms proposed in his communication, and that a warrant for the amount be drawn on the Treasurer in Mr. Gavitt's favor.

Ald. Davenport moved to amend the motion, so as to make it read. "That the committee on finance be authorized to purchase of D. E. Gavitt copies of hisDirectory for the CityClerk'sCityAttorneys,Street Commissioners, Treasurer's, Comptroller's, Recorder's, Collector's, Chief Engineer of Fire Department's, Collector of arrears of taxes, and Collector of assessments, offices, and for the Watch and Alms Houses.

The motion to amend was not adopted, the following being the vote the yeas and nays being ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Hill and Whitlock.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney and White.

Nays—Ald. Cleveland, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Davenport moved to amend the motion so as to make it read, "That the Committee on finance be authorised to purchase of D. E. Gavitt, twenty-five copies of his Diretory, and to distribute the same among the city offices."

The motion to amend was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, White, and Rappleyea:

Yeas—Ald. Cleaveland, Davenport, Gardner, Keeney, and Greene.

Nays—Ald. Hill, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, Ald Edge, Low and Slater.

On motion of Ald. Hill the whole matter was laid upon the table.

Ald. Thompson, on behalf of P. C. Dummer, late collector of taxes, stated that he has twice paid into the City Treasury $14,79, for taxes assessed against lot 14 Grand street on block 44, and asks to have the overpaid refunded. The matter was referred to the committee on Finance.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, reported on the communication of James F. Bache, referred to them on the 2d day of May last, the report setting forth that the matter has long since been settled between Mr. Bache and G. G. Warner. Report received and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances, to whom was referred the subject of the claim of Wooley & Sanderson, for fixing Van Vorst Square, reported that they have obtained the written opinion of the City Attorney, to the effect that the money due on said claim should be paid to David Bedford, receiver; the report recommending that a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of David Bedford, as Receiver, for the full amount, and that for the security of the city, David Bedford, shall on receipt of said warrant deposit with the City Clerk a bond for $1000 as proposed in his communication of November 29th, 1853. Report received and recommendation adopted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea it was

*Resolved*, That the City Clerk be authorized to procure one hundred blank Fireman's certificates.

Ald. Hill, from committee on streets, presented two sealed proposals received by them for the contract to fill in sunken lots in block seventy-three and seventy-four, which were opened, on motion of Ald. Hill, and found to be from James F. Fielder and Hugh Keenan. The proposals were referred to the committee on streets, with authority to contract with the lowest bidder, if the committee deem it to the interest of the city to do so.

Ald. Davenport presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That three per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating Warren street, between Newark avenue and Morgan street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Green, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Davenport presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That three per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessmsnt for Regulating Warren street between Bergen street and Essex street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland. Davenport. Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two per cent be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for filling, flagging, and curbing etc., Montgomery street, between Grove st. and Henderson st., and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Hill, Greene, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That five per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for Regulating, and flagging, South Side Railroad avenue, between Grove st. and Gilbert st. and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for filling the north side of Railroad Avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets, north of the property of the New Jersey Railroad Co., and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas.—Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, Whitlock.

Absent—President, Edge, Low, Slater.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Alexander Wilson, for three hundred and forty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents, and in favor of C. G. Sisson, for five hundred and two dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of Alexander Wilson's bill for regulating Warren street, between Newark avenue and Morgan street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:—

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Green, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement Certificate of Certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of John Arbuckle for seventeen hundred and twelve dollars and ninety-two cents, being the amount of his bill for filling, flagging curbing, &c. Montgomery street between Grove st. and Henderson street, and this His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Davenport presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of Alexander Wilson for three hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-six cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating and flagging south side Railroad Avenue, between Grove and Gilbert streets, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate, or certificates, be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of John Arbuckle, for eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and twenty-six cts., being the amount of his bill for regulating Warren street, between Bergen street and Essex street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

THe resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of John Corrigan, for fifteen hundred and seventeen dollars and four cents, being the amount of his bill for filling the north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect street and Warren street, north of the property of the New Jersey Railroad Co., and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Green, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald Edge, Low, and Slater.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, claim No. 1372, of Clerk & Bacot, $20 ; and claim No. 2525, of Louis B. Cobb, $10 ; were taken from the table and ordered paid :

Ald. Hill from the committee on streets, presented the following statement of contracts, which have been awarded by them and contracts were ordered to be prepared and executed by the contractors, and when executed by them, to be executed on the part of the city by the Mayor and City Clerk under the seal of the City.

1. Hugh Keenan flagging side walks in Hudson st. between Essex street and Morris Canal Basin and also between Wayne and Mercer streets.

2. Daniel Keenan South Sixth street from Jersey avenue to Grove street.

3. James F. Fielder, Montgomery street between Van Vorst street and Henderson street.

4. James Fielder South Fourth street between Erie and Coles street.

5. James Fielder Henderson street between Newark avenue and Grand street.

6. James F. Fielder South First street between Grove and Erie streets.

7. James F. Fielder South Second street between Grove and Coles street.

Ald. Hill from the Committee on Streets, returned the proposals for Street contracts which have been rejected by said committee, and the bonds which accompanied said proposals. Proposals ordered filed, and the bonds to be returned to the parties entitled to them.

Ald. Rappleyea from the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, presented contracts with Wm. Rosevelt, for doing the Carpenter's work, and with Wm. Bumstead for doing the Mason's work on Hook and Ladder, and Hose Carriage House, on the corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets. Contracts ordered to be executed by His Honor the Mayor and by the City Clerk under the Seal of the City, when executed by William Rosevelt and William Bumstead.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings and Schools, together with the Building Committee of the Board of Education, be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to ascertain the cost of building a Public School House in the Fourth Ward, and to procure plans and specifications for the same, and report such cost and said plans and specifications to this Board.

The Resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea stated that the title to the lots, ordered to be purchased for the purpose of building a public school house on them in the Fourth Ward, by virtue of a resolution passed on the 7th July last, and approved July 20th, 1854, has been examined by the City Attorney and found to be perfect ; and on motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was,

Resolved, That the bond or bonds of the city be issued in favor of Hiram Gilbert, pursuant to the terms of said resolution.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Green, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

The Committee on Watch, to whom were referred on the 1st instant, the charges against Daniel Calhoun, city watchman, reported the same sustained, and recommended that he be expelled from the watch department. Report received ; and recommendation adopted.

The following being the vote on adopting the recommendation of the committe, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—The President, Ald Edge, Low and Slater.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, claim No. 2394, in favor of Clerk & Bacot, amounting to $50, was taken from the table and ordered paid.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken from the table, viz :

An ordinance to provide for filling in, paving, laying cross-walks at the intersections, from the easterly line of Jersey street to the westerly line of Brunswick street, north side of Railroad avenue.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Green Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Low and Slater.

Ald. Thompson presented the following resolution which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That all stationery required for the use of the City be purchased by the Committee on Schools and placed in charge of the City Clerk, who shall act as dispensator to the different offices.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Committee on Laws and Ordinances, for ninety-five dollars and 46 cents, to satisfy a judgment obtained by G. W. A. Everett, against the City.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of I. R. Thompson, Chairman of Finance Committee, for twelve dollars and forty-six cents, being in full for 15 days interest on $2000, and for advertising for $25,000 loan.

Ald. Whitlock presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the City Physicians, Coroners and Sextons be, and are hereby authorized to report all deaths, and the nature of their disease to the City Clerk for publication.

Ald. Whitlock presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Health be authorized to procure lime, and have it distributed through the gutters of paved streets in the city, at an expense not exceeding forty dollars.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjonrned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting September 5th, 1854.

Present—The President. and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Smith, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Slater and Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Invitation from the Board of Water Commissioners to make a visit over the line of the Water Works on the 12th instant. Invitation accepted.

Petition of George W. White and others to have the street or highway, which is a continuation of Jersey Avenue, raised above tide water etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Henry Stiff for remission of a fine imposed upon him by the Recorder. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Charles H. Murray and others to have Van Vorst street filled up to the proper grade &c.—Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Andrew Clerk for permission to put down a temporary drain in York street, connecting with the sewer in Grand street. Prayer of petitioner granted, the work to be done under direction of the committee on sewers.

Communication from Charles J. Farley, complaining of the removal, by George McLaughlin, of the handle of the pump in Wayne street, near Grove street. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Petition of Andrew Anderson and others, for a postponement of the regulating of South Sixth street, between Erie and Grove streets; the petition setting forth that the contractor is willing to give up the contract. Ref. to committee on streets, with power to cancel the contract, if the committee deem it to the interest of the city to do so.

Communication from Daniel Crane, in relation to lands under water. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Resignation, by Edgar Morris, of the office of second assistant engineer of the fire department. Received and ordered filed.

Resignation of John Van Riper, as a city watchman. Received and ordered filed.

Official bond of Sidney R. Breese, as a city auctioneer. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances

Official bond of David Smith, as comptroller. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances, subsequently reported correct and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Narine & Co ,$8 , J. Francisco, $29 ; J. Francisco, $21, and P. N. Horsley, $1. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of J. B. Haight, $8 81 ; Reily & Doyle, $10 10; J. McLaughlin, $58 10 ; P. N. Horsley, $25, and Welwood & Dempsey, $480. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of R. Hanson, $2 25; M. Swett, $95 30; Daily Telegraph, 50 cents; L. A. Pratt & Co., 50 cents; J. D. Nolan, $18; M. McLaughlin, 50 cents; L. A. Pratt & Co., $3 25; T. Howe, $16 19; T. Newham, $40 14; S. A. Stone, $34 60; R. B. Earle&Co., $180 22; McGuigan&Nugent, 75 cents; Woolsey & Clark, $31 83; and Woolsey & Clark, $37 40. Ref. to Committee on Fire and Water.

Of J. Crummey, $30 12; J. Ellwell, $3 75; Woolsey & Clark, $10 54; and J. V. Metlar. $12. Ref. to Committee on Alms.

Of Smith Mead, $57 50; Bacot & Wood, $50; A. Wilson, $1240 67; Woolsey & Clark, $1 42; and A. Love, $9 84. Ref. to Committee on Streets.

Of R. S. Gillman, $5; O. Burbanks, $1 50; and O. Burbanks, $3,50. Ref. to Committee on Public Health.

Of H. Billingsley, $20; H. A. Miller, $15 50, W. Eaton, $20; McGuigan & Nugent, $40 99; R. & J. McLaughlin, $35 20; and W. Eaton, $20. Ref. to Committee on Lamps.

Of McGuigan & Nugent, $1 22. Ref. to Committee on Police and Licences.

Of D. Keenan, $128 75; and B. W. Ryder, $3 95. Ref. to committee on streets, subsequently reported correct and then referred to the committee on assessments

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of City Watchmen, $674,93; W. Horton, $25; A. McMullin, $2; N. Ellis, $64 40; Sunday Policemen, $38; Special Police, at Fire in Washington-st. $3; G. W. Cassedy, $187,50; J. McDonald, $9; J. F. Richardson, $8; and C. H. Winfield, $30.

The City Clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application to have Flushing street opened etc. Report received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing elections and resignations in that Department. Communications received, and ordered filed; the elections approved; the names ordered to be enrolled, the usual certificates of Membership to be issued; and the proper entries of the resignations to be made in the roll book of the Fire Department.

Communication from Chief Engineer of the Fire Departmant recommending the purchase of 1000 feet of hose. Received and ordered filed,

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to purchase for the Fire Department, one thousand feet of new hose, at a cost not to exceed eighty cents per foot.

Reports of standing committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Committee on Laws and Ordinances, concerning a petition of C. Hoover and others relating to inns and taverns, referred to the committee on the 2nd of May last, the report recommending a slight alteration in the ordinance respecting that subject. The report was received.

Of Committee on Assessments, on the remonstrance of Richard Cosgrove, presented on the 15th of August last, against the paving the north side of Railroad Avenue, between Varick and Brunswick streets, setting forth that the remonstrance properly belongs to the Committee on streets.—Report received and remonstrance laid upon the table.

Of Committee on Police and Licenses, on the bill of special policemen, for services at the New York and Erie Railroad Company's depot in June 1854, amounting to $24 50; setting forth that the amount has been collected from said company and paid into the City Treasury, and recommending that warrants be drawn on the city Treasurer in favor of the following named persons, for the amount respectively named. viz:

C. G. Farly, $7 50; J. B. Dunn, $5; J. P. Masseker, $6; J. Ayres, $4; and J. McDonald $2.—Report received and recommendation, adopted and the entries of said claim to be cancelled in the claim book, the original bills having been delivered to the Rail Road Co. by the committee on Police and Licenses.

Of Committee on Fire and Water,, on the petition of the officers of the fire department, presented on the 1st August last, for two additional assistant engineers, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Ordinances are hereby instructed to report an ordinance amendatory to the ordinance regulating the fire department, providing for two additional assistant engineers as prayed for in the petition of the officers of that department, presented on the first of August last.

Report received and resolution adopted.

Of Committee on Fire and Water, on the petition presented June 20th, 1854, of Samuel M. Hoffman and others, to be organized as Washington Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That Samuel M. Hoffman, John Francisco, Peter Stilsing, John G. Haybeck, George W. Romaine, John D. Thomson, Eli Jones, Charles Thomas. Thomas Startin, B. F. Tuthill, John Romans, Andrew Riddell, W. Howeth, C. W. Myers, T. D. Witherell, J. Myers, E. F. Crane, S. C. Lathrop, A. A. Paff, James S. Bishop, Thomas W. Tilden, J. H. Smyth, Jonathan Taylor, D. E. O. Romans, S. P. Romans, James Van Hise, Cornelius Morison, Daniel B. Spinning. and Charles Jefferson Gilbert, be organized by the committee on fire and water as Washington Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, that their names be enrolled as members of the fire department and that the usual certificates of membership be issued to them, and that the Hook and Ladder Truck owned by this Corporation, to which no company is attached, be placed under the charge of said Washington Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, and be hereafter designated by that name and number.

Report received and resoluion adoped.

Of committee on fire and water, on the petition presented August 15, 1854, of E. F. C. Young and others, for an increase of the number of members of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1; the report recommending that the committee on laws and ordinances be instructed to prepare and present an ordinance, amendatory, to the ordinance regulating the Fire Department, allowing sixty members to Hook and Ladder Company N. 1, and to all other Hook and Ladder Companies that may hereafter be organized. Report received and recommendation adopted.

Of committee on fire and water, on the petition presented June 6th 1854, of A. A. Paff and others, for the erection of a Fire Alarm Bell recommending that the joint committee on fire and water and public grounds and buildings, be instructed to procure plans and specifications, and advertise for proposals for the erection of such Fire Alarm Bell, and also to report a suitable site for the same, and if it shall be found necessary to purchase ground upon which to erect the same, to ascertain the terms upon which to erect the same, to ascertain the terms upon which such purchase can be made. The report was received.

The recommendation contained in the report was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Edge, Rappleyea, and Cleveland.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Greene. Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, White, Whitlock and Smith.

Nays—Ald. Davenport.

Absent—Ald. Slater and Thompson.

Of Committee on Laws and ordinances, on petition presented May 2d, 1854, of James Hall and others, to have a building belonging to John Broas, on Newark avenue, removed from the street; setting forth that the building was constructed prior to the date of the city charter, and there is no power in the Common Council to order its removal without paying the expense, and all damages arising from a removal. The report was received.

Of Committee on Laws and Ordinances, on the application made on the 13th June last, by Adolphus S. Gilbert, for a lease of lot 21, Grove street, on block 127, bought by him at the tax sale of May 20, 1852, recommending that the declaration of sale be referred to the city attorney, with instructions to make out a lease pursuant to the terms of said declaration of sale. Report received and adopted.

Of Committee on Laws and Ordinances, on the subject referred to them on the 2d May, 1854, of the contract with Alexander Wilson for regulating etc. Bright street, between Grove and Jersey streets; the report setting forth that the injunction in relation to Bright street, does not cover the said contract, and therefore that it cannot be legally executed by the city. Report received.

Of Committee on Laws and Ordinances, in relation to the assessment against John D. Ward, for the regulation of Greene street, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Ordinances be authorised and empowered to receive from John D. Ward, four hundred dollars, in full payment of the assessment on his property for the regulating of Greene street, and that a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the committee on laws and ordinances, for thirty-seven dollars, to be appropriated by them to the payment of the costs which have accrued under the certiorari proceedings instituted by John D. Ward.

Report received and resolution adopted.

Of Committee on Laws and Ordinances, an official bond of William Pile as city auctioneer presented August 15, 1854, stating that the bond is correct. Report received and bond ordered filed.

Of Committee on Laws and Ordinances, on petition referred to them on the 6th June last, of Henry Traphagen, setting forth that the Common Council cannot grant any relief to the petitioner. Report received.

By Committee on Streets, the three following entitled ordinances, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, and laying side walks four feet wide in South Fifth street, between Erie street and Newark Avenue."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, and flagging the side walk four feet wide on the south side of Grand street between Barrow street and Jersey Avenue."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, laying cross walks, and side walks four feet wide in Wayne street, from Greene street to the easterly side of Hudson street." The ordinances were laid upon the table.

By committee on assessments, the assessment for regulating Prospect street from Newark Avenue to Bay street. The assessment was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the commissioners of assessments report, and map for regulating Prospect street, from Newark avenue to Bay-st, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in September at 8 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing. The resolution was adopted.

By Committee on Assessments, the assessment for regulatsng the south side of South Third street between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street. Assess ordered to be filed in city clerks office.

Alderman Davenport offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper that the report and map for regulating the south side of South Third strecet between Jersey Avenue and Monmouth street, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the common council caamber, on the third Tuesday in September at 8 o'clock, P.M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

By Committee on Assessments, the assessment for regulating Coles street, from South Second street to South Fourth street. Assessment ordered to be filed in City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the Corporation paper, that the Commissioners of Assessment's report and map for regulating Coles street, from South Second street to South Fourth street, is on file in the City Clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the third Tuesday in September, at eight o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

By Committee on Assessments, the assessment for regulating South Fifth street, between Erie street and two hundred feet west of Prospect street. Assessment ordered to be filed in City Clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the commissioners of assessment's report and map for regulating South Fifth street, between Erie street and two hundred feet west of Prospect street, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the third Tuesday in September at eight o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

By committee on assessments for regulating Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer streets. Assessment ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the commissioners of assessments report and map for regulating Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer streets, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber on the third Tuesday in September, at 8 o'slock p m., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

By committee on assessments, the assessment for regulating Morgan street, from Grove st. to Greene street. Assessment ordered to be filed in the city clerk's offic.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the commissioners of assessments report and map for regulating Morgan street, from Grove street to Greene street, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the commonn council chamber on the third Tuesday in September, at 8 o'clock p.m., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The resolution was adopted.

By committee on public grounds and buildings, plans and specifications for a Public School House in the Fourth ward received from the Board of Education, also the following communication:

At a special meeting of the Board of Education, held at the city clerk's office, Tuesday, evening Sept. 4, 1854. The accompanying plans and specifications of a school House for the 4th ward were presented, and after due examination by the Board, the following Resolution was presented with reference thereto, and on motion adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Education do adopt the plans of a school-house with buttresses, to be located in the fourth ward, as presented by the committees on building and repairs, and do recommend it to the Common Council for their approval with the earnest request that the necessary steps be taken for its immediate erection.

P. D. VROOM President, protem.

D. Gould, Clerk.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, the Board of Education have made application to the Mayor and Common Council for the erection of a school house in the 4th ward, and have approved the plans and specifications for same herewith submitted.

Therefore. Resolved that a Brick School House be erected on the lots recently purchased of H. Gilbert, on Erie street Nos.——50 ft. by 85 ft. 3 stories high, according to the plans approved by the Board of Education at a cost not to exceed Twenty Thousand dollars, and that the said School House be erected under the Superintendence of the joint committees of schools and public grounds and buildings, and under authority of an ordinance approved August 2d, 1854. Preamble and resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved. That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the city clerk's office on the 13th instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Ald. *R*appjeyea offered the following resolution:

*R*esolved, That the joint enmmittees of schools and public grounds and buildings be authorized to advertize for proposals for the erection of a new school house in 4th Ward, to be submitted to and opened at an adjourned meeting of this board, Sept. 13, 1854.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Edge presented the following entitled ordinance, viz:

"An ordinance regulating the manner of building dwelling houses and other buildings, and for the prevention of fires in Jersey City."

The ordinance was laid upon the table.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meeting of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of John Sylvester, $11 13; Strober's Express $6 50; John Wilson, $13 25; T. Newham, $23 88; A. A. Rice, $50; T. Callahan, 50 cents; S. H. Many, $29 90; J. Jelly, $7; A Wines, $937; Isaac Wakefield, $32 94; A Love, $10 62; O Burbanks, $10 50; S H Many, $3 99; Clerk & Bacot, $15; G Morrow, $3; C Young, $3 05, and D Henderson, $100.

The following claims, for refreshments furnished to the Fire Department at the recent fires, were reported correct by the committee on fire and water, and ordered paid:

Of W. & C. B. Jaquins, $6; H. Rathbone, $5 75; W & C B Jaquins, $9 62; W & C B Jaquins, $7; J. V D B Van Doren, $74; W & C B Jaquins, $126 50, and J J Wanner, $62 75.

The committee on fire and water reported as correct the claim ot John J. Wanner, $41, for refreshments furnished the fire department.

The claim was ordered paid, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald Edge, Rappleyea and Cleveland:

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Smith, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Greene, Hill and White.

Absent—Ald. Slater and Thompson.

The com. on fire and water reported as correct the claim of John H. Broas, $35; for refreshments furnished the Fire Department The motion to pay the bill was not adopted, the following being the vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill. Greene and Low.

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low Rappleyea and Smith.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Davenport Greene, Hill, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Slater and Thompson.

The report on the bill was received and the claim laid upon the table.

The committee on fire and water reported as correct the claim of J. Wilson, amounting to $10, for refreshments furnished the fire department. The report was received.

Ald Edge moved, "That the claim be paid."

The motion was not adopted, the vote being as follows, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald Hill, Low and White:

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Edge, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Smith and White.

Absent—Ald Slater and Thompson

The claim was laid upon the table.

The committee on fire and water reported as correct, the claim of J. Allen, amounting to $87, for refreshments furnished the fire department at fires in July last. The report was received.

Ald. Edge moved "that the claim be paid."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald Greene, Hill and White:

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Edge, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitock.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Smith and White.

Absent—Ald Slater and Thompson.

The claim was laid upon the table.

Ald. Edge offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted.

Whereas the several lines of omnibusses, at present running in Jersey City are not licensed as required by the city ordinances therefore *Resolved*, That the City Attorney is hereby instructed to take the necessary steps to prosecute the proprietors of the different lines of Omuibusses for their violations of the ordinance in relation to the licensing of Omnibuses and Stages.

Ald. White offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, application has been made to the Mayor and Common Council for the construction of a main sewer in Essex street, between the Hudson river and the Morris canal with its tributaries, and the usual notice for objections having been duly published.

Therefore Resolved, That a main sewer be constructed in Essex street between the Hudson river and the Morris canal with the necessary tributaries, through Greene, Washington, Warren, and Morris streets, according to the plan of sewerage heretofore presented by the water commissioners and adopted by he common council, and that Moses B Bramhall, Erastus Randell and John V Brower, be appointed commissioners to assess and report the estimated cost of said sewer and its tributaries, in conformity with the requirements of the charter and an ordinance "to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City," approved June 28, 1854.

Ald. Edge moved to take up for consideration, the claims laid upon the table at this meeting, for refreshments furnished to the Fire Department.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Aldermen Hill, Whitlock, and Tyrrell:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Low and Rappleyea.

Nays—The President, Ald Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Smith. Tyrrel, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Slater and Thompson.

Ald Gardner moved to reconsider the vote by which a number of the claims for refreshments furnished the fire department at recent fires, were ordered paid.

The motion was not adopted. the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald Rappleyea, Smith and Low:

Yeas—Ald Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Keeney, Smith, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Low, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Slater and Thompson.

Ald Rappleyea moved to adjourn.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald Hill,Rappleyea and White:

Yeas—Ald Hill, Rappleyea, Smith, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—The President. and Ald Cleveland, Davenport. Edge, Gardner, Greene. Keeney and Low.

Absent—Ald Slater and Thompson.

Ald Gardner moved to take up the bills for refreshments to the fire department, which were laid upon the table at this meeting.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald Hill, White and Gardner:

Yeas—The President. and Ald Cleveland, Edge, Gardner. Keeney, Low and Rappleyea.

Nays—Ald Davenport. Greene, Hill, Smith, Tyrrell. White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Slater and Thompson

On motion of Ald Cleveland. the rule requiring a balloting was suspended and William Powers, of the First ward, and Joseph C. Tittle. of the Fourth ward were *viva voce* appointed city watchmen to fill vacancies existing from those wards.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was:

Resolved, That the petitions for tavern licenses be taken from the hands of the committee on Police and licenses.

On motion of Ald Hill the city clerk was requested to obtain said petitions from fhe committee on Police and Licenses.

The petitions for tavern licenses were laid upon the table.

(Ald Edge retired )

On motion of Ald Rappleyea G. V D. B Van Doren's petition for a tavern license was taken up.

Ald Rappleyea moved "That a tavern license be granted to G. V. D. B. Van Doren."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—The President. Ald Green, Hill Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Low, and White·

Absent—Ald· Edge. Slater and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Low. the vote on granting a Tavern license to G V D B Van Doren, was reconsidered.

Ald. Gardner retired.

The motion to grant a license to G V D B Van Doren was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, Ald. Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Smith, Tyrrell and Whitlock,

Nays—Ald. Cleveland. Davenport and White

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Slater and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was

Resolved, That all the applications for licenses to keep Inns and Taverns, be taken up and considered. Which was done, with the following result.

The petition of John Smith was considered·

Ald. Low moved to grant the license. The motion was not adopted the following being the vote.

Yeas—Ald. Hill, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene. Keeney. Smith and White.

Absent—Ald Edge, Gardner, Slater and Thompson

Petition of Wm. & Chancey B. Jaquins was considered. and leave was granted to the petitioners to withdraw their application.

(Ald Low retired.)

Petition of Patrick Corrigan was considered.

Ald Hill moved to grant the application.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—Ald Hill, Rappleyea and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald Cleveland. Davenport. Greene. Keeney, Smith, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald Edge, Gardner, Low, Slater and Thompson

Petition of Elizabeth Hough was considered.

Ald Rappleyea moved to grant the license.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—Ald Greene, Hill, Keeney.Rappleyea, Smith, Tyrrell and Whitlock:

Nays—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport and White.

Absent—Ald Edge, Gardner, Low, Slater and Thompson.

Petition of Francis Boyle was considered.

Ald. Hill moved to grant the license.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President and Ald. Davenport, Greene, Smith, and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner. Low, Slater and Thompson.

Petition of William L. Brokaw was considered.

Ald. Hill moved to grant the license.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—Ald. Hill, Rappleyea, Tyrrel aud Whitlock.

Nays—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Keeney, Smith and White.

Absent Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Slater and Thompson.

Petition of Wm. Moore, condsidered.

Ald. Rappleyea. moved to grant the license.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote.

Yeas—Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Smith, Tyrell and Whitlock.

Nays—President, Cleveland, Davenport. White.

Absent—Edge, Gardener, Low, Slater, Thompson.

Petition of Patrick Martin, considered.

Ald. Hill, moved to grant the license.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote.

Yeas—Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, Whitlock.

Nays—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Smith and White.

Absent—Edge, Gardner, Low, Slater and Thompson.

Petition of Owen McCue considered.

Ald. Tyrrel moved to grant the license.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—Ald Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Smith and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Slater and Thompson.

Petition of James P. Rainey and Hiram McCarty considered.

Ald Hill moved to grant the license.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—Ald. Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock

Nays—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Smith and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Slater and Thompson.

Petition of John Schofield considered.

Ald. Hill moved to grant the license.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—Ald. Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Tyrrell, and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, Ald. Cleaveland, Davenport, Greene, Smith and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Slater and Thompson.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the price for license to the city for keeping an Inn and Tavern for the present year be, and hereby is fixed at one hundred dollars.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the hour for the meeting of the Common Council hereafter be at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., until altered by the Common Council.

The Committee on Fire and Water returned the claim of Charles G. Farly, for Constables, fees amounting to $3 27, referred to them 1st of August last, and the same was referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred on the 15th August last, the claim of Smith Mead, amounting to $25 00, for superintending the improvement on South Fifth street, reported the claim correct for $53 75, and it was then referred to the Committee on Assessments.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Adjourned meeting, at the City Clerk's office, Wednesday, September 13th. 1854, at half-past 7 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and White.

Ald. Whitlock and Cleveland were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent—Ald. Low, Smith and Tyrrell.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Wm. A. Durrie and others, for lamps in front of Gordon Place. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Communication from John Post, complaining of a grievance affecting his property, in the block bounded by Railroad avenue, Steuben street, Warren and Prospect streets. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Edward P. Torrey and others, for the removal of such portions of the buildings in Morgan street, which encumber said street on the south easterly corner of Grove street. Ref. to commeditt on streets.

Petition of Thomas Griffith and others, to have Railroad avenue widened on the north side, from the junction with Newark avenue to Grove street, to the same width as it is west of Grove street. Ref. to committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposee of as follows:

Of P. McGeehan, $7 50. Ref. to committee on sewers.

Of John Ward, $3. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of A. B. Merlett, $93 04; E Hope, jr., $30; E. Hope, jr., $15, and John Ward, $3 50. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of Bacot & Wood, $50: John Arbuckle, $1543 60; Corrigan & Wallace, $3094 57; Bacot & Wood, $100, and T. B. Kissam, $50.

The following claims, referred to the committee on alms at former meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Strober's Express, $8 40; S. Billington, $6; Henry Tilbe, $15; Wetmore & Co., $12 06, and A. R. Merlett, $151 52.

Ald Hill, from the Committee on Streets, verbally reported that they have made a contract with Hugh Keenan for the filling in of sunken lots, in blocks numbered 73 and 74, between Bay street and Railroad avenue, west of Prospect street, and presented the contract for the same, and on motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Resolved, That when said contracts shall have been executed by Hugh Keenan, that then they be executed on the part of the city by his Honor the Mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the City Clerk.

Ald. Hill presented a preamble and resolutions, providing for a celebration on the 3d October next, of the introduction of the Passaic water.

Ald. Slater moved to amend the first resolution by inserting near the close the following words:

"Provided that no part of the monies mentioned in this resolution shall be applied to the purchase of intoxicating beverages."

The amendment was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Slater, Greene and Davenport:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson and White.

Nay—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Smith, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

(Ald. Cleveland and Whitlock appeared and took their seats.)

Ald. Thompson moved to amend the first resolution by striking out the following words, immediately following the words, "at an expense not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars," viz:

"Of this amount, eleven hundred dollars shall be appropriated to the Fire Department, subject to the order of S. A. French, Chief Engineer, to be distributed among the different companies as a majority of the delegates representing the several companies shall direct."

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following, as a substitute for the whole resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of — members of this Board be appointed to act in conjunction with the Board of Water Commissioners, to take all necessary measures for the proper celebration, on the 3d October next, of the introduction of the Passaic water into the city; that an appropriation of $1250 be made from the city treasury for the purpose of such celebration, and thatthe Water Commissioners be recommenned also to appropriate the sum of $1250 out of their funds, for the same purpose, provided that no part of the monies named in this resolution shall be used for the purchase of intoxicating liquors.

The substitute was rejected, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Whitlock and Greene.

Yeas—Ald. Gardner, Greene, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Keeney and White.

Absent—Ald. Low, Smith and Tyrrell.

Ald. Thompson's amendment was then adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Thompson, Gardner and Keeney.

Yeas—Ald Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Keeney, Slater and Thompson.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Hill, Rappleyea, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald Low, Smith and Tyrrell.

On motion of Ald. Slater, the first resolution was amended by the insertion of the words, "a committee of — members of this Board be appointed to act in conjunction with the Water Commissioners.

The preamble and resolutions, as amended, were then adopted, and as adopted as are follows:

Whereas, The Board of Water Commissioners have completed the work of supplying Jersey City with pure and wholesome water, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board appoint Tuesday, the third day of October, for the proper celebration of said work, and that a committee of — members of this Board be appointed to act in conjunction with the Water Commissioners, to make all necessary arrangements, which shall be done at an expense not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars, provided that no part of the monies mentioned in this resolution shall be appropriated for the purchase of intoxicating beverages.

And be it further

Resolved, That this Board recommend the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars from their fund, for the celebration of the completion of said work, said amount to be paid to the order of a majority of the committee on celebration.

On motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Resolved, That the committee consist of an Alderman from each Ward, to be appointed by the President.

The following were appointed as the committee, viz:

Ald. Thompson, Cleveland, Greene and Tyrrell.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Fire and Water be authorized to procure, for the use of the Fire Department of this city, three hose carts, or jumpers, at a cost not to exceed fifty dollars each.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea offered a resolution.

On motion of Ald. Keeney, it was amended by the insertion of "twenty-five dollars per year," instead of "fifty dollars."

The resolution as amended was then adopted, and as adopted is as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to procure, for the use of Washington Hook and Ladder Truck No. two, of this city, a lot or part of a lot in the Fourth Ward, at a rent not to exceed twenty-five dollars per year, and to erect thereon a shed for the use of said company, at an expense not to exceed one hundred dollars.

Ald. Rappleyea, from the Joint Committee on Schools, and Public Grounds and Buildings, presented sealed proposals received for the contract to build a Public School House in the Fourth ward.

The proposals, seventeen in number, were opened, read, and on motion of Ald Greene, it was

Resolved, That all of the proposals be rejected for the reason that they exceed the appropriation made for building the Public School House in the Fourth ward.

On motion of Ald Greene, it was

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to procure new plans and specifications for a Public School House in the Fourth ward.

On motion of Ald. Edge, the claims of J. H. Broas, $35; J. Wilson, $10, and J. H. Allen, $87, for refreshments furnished the Fire Department, was taken from the table.

Ald. Edge moved, "That the claim of J. H. Broas, amounting to thirty-five dollars, be paid

Pending the discussion of the motion, a communication was presented, from Mr. Broas, in reference to said claim, which was received, read, and ordered to be laid upon the table.

The motion of Ald. Edge, to pay the claim of Mr. Broas, was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Hill, Edge and Cleveland:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater and Thompson.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Hill, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Low, Smith and Tyrrell.

The claim of J. Wilson for $10 00 was ordered paid.

The claim of J. Allen, for, $87; was on motion of Ald. Hill referred back to the committee on fire and water for the items.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be authorized to have an additional story built on the Hook and Ladder House in Grand street, at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars, to be used as a Common Council Chamber when completed.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, September 19th, 1854.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of J. B. Arthur and others to have a sewer built in Sussex street. Ref. to committee on sewers, and the city clerk directed to publish notice that the common council will meet at the common council chamber on the first Tuesday in October next, at 7 1-2 o'clock P.M., to hear and consider objections in writing to said improvement.

Petition of Henry King for a lease of lot 96, on block 149, bought by him for taxes of 1852. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of Francis King for a lease of lots 7 and 8, in block 149, bought by him for taxes of 1852. Ref to committee on laws and ordinances.

Communication from Alexander Love, asking permission to use the hydrants for sprinkling the streets Permission granted, under direction of the street commissioner.

Communication from Jeremiah Casey in relation to property of his sold in 1849 for assessments. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of Daniel Keenan and John F. Richardson to have a receiving basin built on the south-west corner of Henderson and Mercer streets. Ref. to committee on sewers, and city clerk directed to publish notice that common council will meet on first Tuesday in October next, at 7 1-2 o'clock P.M., to hear and consider objections in writing to said application.

Petition of Cornelius Van Vorst and Wm. Keeney to have Montgomery street, between Jersey and Barrow streets, and Jersey street, or so much thereof as remains incomplete between Mercer street and the Grand street road, graded, curbed etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of laborers on public streets, $17; W. Moore, $16 25; Corrigan & Wallace, $712 49; Bacot & Wood, $25; J. Arbuckle, $2388 85; Bacot & Wood $75; J. F. Fielder, $3089 47; Bacot & Wood, $100; and Alexander Wilson, $35 34. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of J. Francisco, $23; and S. Quaife, $3. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of A. A. Rice, $36; and Marshall & Morris, $104 88. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of L. B. Hovey, $20; and H. A. Miller & Co. $90 30. Ref to committee on lamps.

Of C. J. Farley, $4 80. Ref to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of N. Sharp, $35 20. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of R. S. Gillman, $4 50. Ref. to committee on public health.

The committee on streets returned the claim of Wm. Eaton, $20, referred to them on the 5th inst., and the same was referred to committee on lamps.

Reports and communications from the Mayor and city officers were presented and disposed of as follows:

Communication from his honor the mayor, enclosing a communication from D. S. Gregory, Esq., president of board of water commissioners, announcing the completion of the water works etc.

Ref. to committee on finance.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 19th inst., was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings be authorized to have an additional story built on the Hook and Ladder House in Grand street, at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars, to be used as a Common Council Chamber when completed.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Sept. 19th, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return for reconsideration, a resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings to have an additional story built on Hook and Ladder House in Grand street, at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars.

The appropriation set apart for building Engine-houses in the tax ordinance is exhausted, and no appropriation has been raised by the Common Council for the object proposed by the resolution under consideration, therefore it cannot be carried into effect without a violation of law. Besides, the resolution does not conform to the requirements of the ordinance which provides for the erection of Engine-houses; nor to the resolution under which said Hook and Ladder House was authorized to be built. If your Honorable Body will provide the means and make the appropriation for the proposed object, it will meet my hearty concurrence.

I, therefore, return the resolution without my approval.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Edge moved "that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objection of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Gardner and Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 19th instant, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

Whereas, The Board of Water Commissioners have completed the work of supplying Jersey City with pure and wholesome water, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board appoint Tuesday, the third day of October, for the proper celebration of said work, and that a committee of — members of this Board be appointed to act in conjunction with the Water Commissioners, to make all necessary arrangements, which shall be done at an expense not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars, provided that no part of the monies mentioned in this resolution shall be appropriated for the purchase of intoxicating beverages.

And be it further

Resolved, That this Board recommend the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars from their fund, for the celebration of the completion of said work, said amount to be paid to the order of a majority of the committee on celebration.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Sept. 19, 1854.

*To the Honorable the Common Council:*

Gentlemen—I return without my sanction two resolutions, adopted by your Honorable Body on the 13th inst., the first resolution authorizes the appointment of a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the completion of the Jersey City Water Works, at an expense not to exceed twenty-five hundred dollars, with a proviso that no part of said money shall be expended for intoxicating beverages. The second resolution recommends that the Board of Water Commissioners appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars out of their fund, for said celebration.

Since these resolutions have been officially before me, I have duly examined the charter and find that the first resolution can only be carried into effect by a direct violation of that instrument; no appropriation has been raised by your Honorable *B*ody for this object, and the charter clearly directs that the expenditures under each appropriation shall be confined to the objects therein specified, and appropriated to no other.

The appropriation recommended by the second resolution is a matter over which we have no control. The Water Commissioners act under the advice of eminent counsel, and if they have authority under the laws establishing their Board, to make the appropriation proposed by the resolution, they will undoubtedly do so, without our recommendation, and in case they have not the power under their law to make the appropriation, then the Mayor and Common Council should be the last to recommend a violation of that law.

Under these circumstances, I am compelled to return the resolutions for your further consideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Cleveland moved "That the preamble and resolutions do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor."

The motion was rejected, the following being the vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner and Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

On motion of Ald. Edge, seconded by Ald. Rappleyea, the vote was reconsidered by which the motion of Ald. Cleveland was rejected.

Ald. Clevelands motion was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Gardner and Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smitn.

The following message from his honor the mayor filed in the city clerk's office on the 19th instant, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

Resolved, That the price for license to the city for keeping an Inn and Tavern for the present year be, and hereby is fixed at one hundred dollars.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Sept. 18th, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I have received, and return without my approval, a resolution fixing the price of a license of an Inn and Tavern for the present year at one hundred dollars.

Before the adoption of this resolution two licenses for Inns or Taverns had been granted by your Honorable Body, and the City Clerk had received the money for one of them, charging fifty dollars the same as last year; had the resolution before me been adopted prior to your granting the aforesaid licenses for the present year, I should not have interposed any objections, but under the present circumstances I feel that it would be inconsistent, unwise and unjust to charge one of our citizens more than an other for the same privilege. If I am wrong in my conclusions, you have it in your power to correct me.

I, therefore, return the resolution without my signature.

D. S. MANNERS

Ald. Slater moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Rappleyea, Slater and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 19th instant was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large, on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

At a meeting of the Common Council of Jersey City, held September 5th, 1854, a report was presented by the Committee on Fire and Water, on the petition presented June 6th, 1854, of A. A. Paff and others, for the erection of a Fire Alarm Bell, recommending that the joint Committees on Fire and Public Grounds and Buildings be instructed to procure plans and specifications, and advertise for proposals for the erection of such fire alarm bell; and, also, to report a suitable site for the same; and, if it shall be found necessary, to purchase ground upon which to erect the same; to ascertain the terms upon which such purchase can be made. And, it was resolved, That the recommendation contained in the report be adopted.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Sept. 18th, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return herewith a resolution, without my approval, authorizing and instrncting the joint Committees on Fire and Water and Public Grounds and Buildings to procure plans and specifications for the erection of a Fire Alarm Bell, and to advertise for proposals for the same, and to report a suitable site, to be purchased for the purpose of erecting said bell and tower.

It must be familiar to every member of your Honorable Body, that no appropriation has been made for the objects contained in the resolutions under consideration. And, of the seven thousand dollars appropriated for the Fire Department for the present year, more than six thousand dollars will be exhausted by the bills and contracts already made, leaving the meagre sum of say five hundred dollars to meet the contingent expenses of that Department for the balance of the current year—an amount scarcely sufficient to meet the refreshment bills of a recent fire. Then, gentlemen, let us confine our operations strictly within the barriers set up by the charter, which expressly declares that our expenditures shall be limited to the respective appropriations—a course that must always meet the approbation of every good citizen. I am therefore constrained to believe that your Honorable Body could not ask or desire me to approve the resolution before me, which can only be carried into effect by a direct violation of a wise provision of the charter, which you, in common with myself, are pledged to support and protect.

I cheerfully concur in the propriety of having a fire alarm bell for the use of the city; and in my judgment, no good citizen could question its utility; and I would respectfully suggest, that a temporary arrangement be made with one of our churches for the use of their bell for said purpose, until the city can provide means and make an appropriation not only for an alarm bell, but for a city hall with the necessary offices connected therewith for temporary occupancy—all of which, in my opinion, is demanded by every consideration of public necessity. With this brief view of the subject, I return the resolution without my signature, for your further deliberation and action.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Edge moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithsthanding the objections of his honor the mayor.

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Rappleyea, and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Keeney Slater, Thompson, White, and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed together with the ordinance entitled "An ordinance to establish and regulate a day police in Jersey city," in the city clerk's office on the 12th instant, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Sept. 11, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I have received and return without my sanction, "An ordinance to establish and regulate a day police in Jersey City."

While I cheerfully concur in the propriety of establishing a small day police, and in the general provisions of the ordinance before me, it contains at least one provision which does not meet my concurrence, and which, in my judgmet, is not warranted by the charter, by common law, or common sense.

By the 10th section of the ordinance, the policemen are required on all days and at all times, to enter any house, building, room, etc., within the limits of Jersey City, in which they have reason to believe any beer, ale, cider, etc., are sold, or exposed for sale, and require of the occupant, his clerk, agent etc., to show their license, and in case they have no license, or refuse to show the same, they are required to order said house or other building aforesaid, cleared from all persons, except the owner, his clerk, agent occupying the same as aforesaid, and this singular provision of inflicting punishment upon the innocent instead of the guilty party, is required to be enforced by the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, City Attorney, etc. It will be observed that it is not the occupant of the house, building, etc., or his agent, who may be found violating the laws of the State, or the ordinances of the City, that is to be punished in this summary manner, but the innocent neighbor, or perhaps some traveller with his family, who may have stopped for a meal or a night's lodging, or taken passage on board of a vessel, lying within the limits of the city, that are to be turned out of doors, or unceremoniously into the street. Such a provision I deem unwise and unjust, not proper to be enforced, calculated to render the ordinance nugatory and inoperative, and militate against the best interests of the city. There is also an ellipsis in the language at the close of the 10th section that ought to be amended.

I therefore return the ordinance for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Cleveland moved "That the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor."

The motion was adopted, the following being the vote:—

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Edge and Rappleyea,

Absent—Ald Low and Smith.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following corporation notices:—

Application to have Flushing street opened, etc.

Application to have Jersey avenue, between Mill Creek and South Second street, regulated' etc.

Application to have Varick and Putnam streets filled in, etc.

Confirmation of assessment for regulating South Fifth street, between Erie street and two hundred feet west of Prospect street.

Confirmation of assessment for regulating Prospect street, from Newark avenue to Bay street.

Confirmation of assessment for regulating south side of South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street.

Confirmation of assessment for regulating Coles street, from South Second street to South Fourth st.

Confirmation of assessment for regulating Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer streets.

Confirmation of assessment for regulating Morgan street, from Grove street to Greene street.

The reports were received and ordered filed.

The city treasurer's report for August last, showing a balance of $4,029 26 in the treasury on the first September instant, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

A return by the collector of assessments, of unpaid assessments for "regulating and paving Barrow-st., between Bright and Grand streets" and "filling Morgan street between Warren and Prospect streets," was presented, and referred to the committee on finance with power to advertise and sell according to law.

Communications from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing elections, resignations and expulsions in that department were presented, the elections were approved, names ordered to be enrolled, and certificate of membership to be issued; the proper entries of the resignations were ordered to be made in the roll book of the fire department; and the names of the expelled members ordered to be stricken from the roll of firemen.

Ald. Hill, on behalf of the water commissioners, returned a copy sent to them, of the preamble and resolution passed on the 5th instant, and approved on the 12th instant, providing for the construction of a sewer in Essex street, and stated that in the opinion of the water commissioners the resolution cannot be carried out, without conflicting with the sewerage law. The preamble and resolution were referred back to the committee on sewers.

Reports of committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

By committee on streets—Claims of Wallace & Corrigan, $2870 94, for regulating South 6th street, referred on the 15th August last, reported not correct, and claims of Bacot & Wood, $90, for surveys etc, on same street, referred on the 15th August last, reported not correct. Reports received.

(Ald. Thompson retired.)

By committee on streets. The following claims were reported correct and referred to committee on assessments:

Of W. Moore, $10; T. B. Kissam, $82 50; Corrigan & Wallace, $3094 57; J. Arbuckle, $1543 60; Bacot & Wood, $100; and Bacot & Wood, $50.

By Committee on streets, a petition referred to them on the 13th inst., of E. P. Torry and others for the removal of obstructions from the south east corner of Morgan and Grove streets; report recommending that the committee on laws and ordinances be instructed to prepare and present an ordinance in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

Report received, and recomendation adopted.

By committee on streets, the following entitled ordinances, viz: "An ordinance to provide for filling in Varick and Putnam streets to the depth of three feet between Grand street and Canal street, and Gilchrist street and Canal street be filled to the depth of three feet from Jersey street to the Mill Creek."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, laying cross walks and side walks five feet wide in Jersey avenue, between South Second street and Mill Creek, except that part lying between South First street and North First street, comprising a part of the public square."

"An ordinance providing for the opening of Gilbert and Brunswick streets."

"An ordinance relating to hydrants and aqueducts, etc. etc."

"An ordinance providing for the opening of a street to be called Flushing street, extending from the south side of Plank road to the Morris canal."

By committee on aseessments, the following claims as having been assessed :—

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| Claim of Smith Mead, superintending South 5th street. | $53 75 |
| Claim of Wiliam Moore, superintending Hudson street. | 16 25 |
| Claim of William Moore, superintending Morgan street. | 86 25 |
| Claim of William Moore, superintending Montgomery street. | 23 75 |
| Claim of William Moore, superintending Warren street. | 15 62 |
| Claim of Isaac Wolfe, superintending Morgan street | 78 00 |
| Claim of T. B. Kissam, superintending Hudson street. | 6 25 |

The claims were laid upon the table.

By committee on assessments the following resolution :

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating Coles street from South Second street to South Fourth street, and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low Thompson.

Resolved, That one and a half per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating of Morgan street, from Greene street to Grove street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That two per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating South Fifth street from 200 feet west of Prospect to Erie street, and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating Hudson street, between Mercer street and Wayne street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That three per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating the south side of South Third street between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street; and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That two per cent be added for Collector's fees to the amount of thr Assessment for regulating Prospect street from Newark Avenue to Bay street, and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate, or certificates, be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Daniel Keenan for seventeen hundred and eleven dollars and forty cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating Prospect street, from Newark avenue to Bay street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an Improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the Committee on Finance, in favor of G. W. & C. Conkling for twenty-nine dollars and thirteen cents being the amount of his bill for putting dawn drains in Coles street which is included in assessment for regulating Coles street from South 2nd st to South 4th street, and that His Honor the *Mayor* be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvemet certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder for eight hundred and thirty three dollars and forty three cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating south side of South Third street between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and that the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and *W*hitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate, or certificates, be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of James F. Fielder for fifteen hundred and fifty-one dollars and sixty-two cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating Hudson street, between Wayne street and Mercer street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an Improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on Finance, in favor of Alexander Wilson for Two Thonsand One Hundred and Twenty Six Dollars and forty six cents, being the amount of his bill for Regulating South fifth street between Erie Street and two hundred feet west of Prospect street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Heeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of B. W Ryder, for two thousand and thirty-eight dollars and five cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating of Coles street, between South Second street and South Fourth street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood for seventy-five dollars; being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for the regulating of Prospect st. from Newark avenue to Bay street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport. Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Rappleyea.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of R. C. Bacot, for two hundred and twenty-five dollars, ($225) being the amount of his bill for surveys and maps for tho regulating of Morgan street, from Grove street to Green street; and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & & Wood, for forty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps, for the regulating South Third street, between Jersey avenue and Monmouth street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an Improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on Finance, in favor of Bacot Wood, for Fifty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessments maps for the regulating of Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer streets, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Heeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under tee direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood for sixty-five dollars; being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating South Fifth street, between Erie st. and 200 feet west of Prospect street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued,under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Clerk & Bacot, for thirty-five dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for the improvement of Warren street, between Essex and Bergen street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of R. C. Bacot, for forty-five ($45) dollars, being the amount of his bill for surveys and assessment maps for the regulating of the north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote

Yeas—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater. Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Clerk & Bacot, for fifty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps, etc., for the improvement of Montgomery street, between Henderson and Grove streets, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood for seventy-five dollars, ($75,) being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for the improvement of Coles street, between South 2nd and South 4th sts., and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an Improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on *F*inance, in favor of Bacot and *W*ood, for Forty dollars. $40 being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessments maps for the improvement of Warren street between Newark Avenue and Morgan street, and that *H*is Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the City thereto.

The resolution wes adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Heeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent---Ald. Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That au improvement Certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood, for fifteen ($15) dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and maps for regulating Railroad avenue, south side, between Grove and Grlbert streets, and that his honor ihe Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereon.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Smith, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of B. W. Ryder, for three thousand one hundred and forty-six dollars and fifty-three cents, being the balance of his bill for regulating *M*organ street, from *G*reene street to Grove street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Smith, Low and Thompson.

By committee on lamps, on petition referred on the 3d inst. of Wm. A. Durrie and others for lamps in front of Gordon Place, recommending that two posts for gas lamps, be placed in front of said Place, viz: one on the corner of Van Vorst and Grand streets, and the other in the centre of the block; provided that the petitioners will agree to light the same at their own expense. Report received and recommendation adopted.

By committee on public health, a petition of A. A. Hardenburg and others referred May 16th 1844, and petition of J. B. Van Dyke and others referred June 27 1854 for removal of nuisances; stating that the nuisances have been abated. Reports received.

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows. By Ald. Whitlock.

Whereas. It has come to the knowledge of the common council that cholera is prevalent in a certain locality in this city, and that nuisances there existing is mainly the cause.

Therefore, Resolved, That the committee on health and street commissioner are fully authorized to abate said nuisances, and take such other action in the matter as they shall deem necessary to promote the health of the city. Resolution was adopted.

By Ald. Gardner: Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Benj. Haynes for four dollars, being amount due him for services at the N. York & Erie R. R. Depot, on the 23d and 24th of June, 1854; said amount having been collected from the R. R. Co. and deposited with the City Treasurer.

Resolution was adopted.

By Ald. Hill: Resolved, That the City Clerk be authorized to give notice for objections on the first Tuesday in October for widening north side of Railroad avenue, between Newark avenue and Grove street.

Resolutions adopted.

By Ald Greene, plans for Public School House in the Fouth ward, and following resolution:

Resolved, That the plans herewith submitted for a school house to be erected in the Fourth ward, Jersey city, be, and are hereby adopted. And, further

Resolved, That so soon hereafter as the said plan shall be approved by Board of Education, the joint committees on Schools and Public Grounds and Buildings are authorized to advertize for proposals for the building the same. Proposals to be submitted to this Board.

Resolution adopted.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of D. Bedford, $41 60; A. T. Smith, $100; Alexander Love, $625, and J. B. Stone, $25.

The following claims, were prasented, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of J. Francisco, $16; J. Francisco, $21; P. N. Horsley, $1; J. Francisco, $29; Clerk & Bacot, $16; Narine & Co, $8; McGuigan & Nugent, $1 22; J. Ward, $3; special police of July 4th, 1854, $56 50; P. McGeehan, $5, Alexander Love, $9 84; R. S. Gillman, $5; H. Billingsley, $20; McGuigan & Nugent, $40 99; Wm. Eaton, $20; H. A. Miller, $15 50; R. & J. McLaughlin. $35 20; Woolsey & Clark, $31 83; Woolsey & Clark, $37 40; Moses Swett, $95 30; R. Hansen, $2 25; S. A. Stone, $34 60; McGuigan & Nugent, 75 cents; J. D. Nolan, $18; M. McLaughlin, 75 cents; Daily Telegraph, 50 cents; W. W. & L. A. Pratt, 50 cents; T. Newham, $40 14; L. A. Pratt & Co., $3 25; J. McLaughlin, $58 10; Dempsey & Welwood, $480; Reily & Doyle, $10 10; P. N. Horsley, $25; J. B. Haight, $8 81; J. Ward, $3 50; J V. Metlar, $12; A. R. Merlett, $93 04; J. Crummey, $30 12, and Woolsey & Clark, $10 54.

The committee on alms reported as not correct the claim of Joseph Elwell, $3 75, referred to them on the 5th September instant. The report was received.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, the following entitled Ordinance, presented July, 19, 1854, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled an Ordinance concerning Inns and Taverns, approved August, 18, 1853."

The Ordinance was passed by the following vote.

Yeas—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Low, Smith and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled Ordinance presented on the 5th September inst., was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An Ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, paving, curbing, guttering and laying side Walks four feet wide in South fifth street between Erie street and Newark Avenue."

Yeas—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Low, Smith and Whitlock.

(Ald. Greene and White retired)

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance presented on the 5th Sept. inst. was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, laying cross walks and side walks four feet wide in Wayne street, from Greene street to the easterly side of Hudson street."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene, Low, Smith, Thompson and White.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance, presented on the 5th September inst., was taken up for consideration, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating and flagging the side walk four feet wide, on the south side of Grand street, between Barrow street and Jersey avenue."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote :

Yeas—President, Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Greene, Low, Smith, Thompson and White.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance, presented August 1st, 1854, was taken up for consideration, viz :

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering, laying cross-walks and side-walks on the north side of South Second street, between Grove and Prospect streets."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Greene, Low, Smith, Thompson and White.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled Ordinance, presented June 6th 1854, was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An Ordinance to provide for filling in to the established Grade, curving, guttering and laying flagg side walks four feet wide in Mercer street, between Washington and Warren streets."

The Ordinance was passed by the following vote.

Yeas—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Greene, Low, Smith, Thompson and White.

On motion of Ald. Whitlock the Board the adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, October 3d, 1854.

Present—Ald. Davenport, Slater and Thompson.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Smith, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

In the absence of the President, Ald. Thompson was appointed President pro tem., and in the absence of the City Clerk, Ald. Davenport was appointed Clerk pro tem.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Slater, the Board adjourned to meet at the City Clerk's office, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

JAMES S. DAVENPORT, City Clerk pro tem.

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Adjourned meeting, at the City Clerk's office, Wednesday, October 4th, 1854, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, *G*reene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and *W*hitlock.

Ald. White was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low, Rappleyea and Smith.

On motion of Ald. Edge, Ald. Davenport was appointed President pro tem.

A petition of Albert Munson and others to have a drain made from the easterly side of Jersey Avenue to and through the Alley way which runs through the centre of the blocks bounded by South 3d, and South 4th, Erie, and Monmouth streets, etc. Ref. to committee on sewers, and the City Clerk directed to publish notice that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber on the third Tuesday in October instant., at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. to hear and consider objections in writing to said application.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of H. Keenan, $2; *W*. Moore, $78 75; Bacot & Wood, $20; H. Keenan, $519 45; *W*. Moore, $18 75; W. S. Bagley, $42 50; T. B. Kissam, $37 50; P. Leonard, $9 50; J. O'Connell, $12 09; Bacot & Wood, $50; J. F. Fielder, $1347 94; Bacot & Wood. $75, Bacot & *W*ood, 50; J. F. Fielder, $6928 43; Bacot & *W*ood, $200; and J. F. Fielder, $1494 09. Ref to committee on streets.

Of R. S. Gillman, $7; A. Love, $7 31; and A. Love. $3 60. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of H. A. Miller & Co. $133 24; J. F. Richardson, $30: J. F. Richardson, $3 50; and R. & J. McLaughlin. $24 50. Ref. to committee on Lamps

Of Sunday Policemen, $38; and G. Cooper, $6. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of City Watchmen, $679 10. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of G. A. Tittle, $3 40; W. T. Weir, $5; L. A. Pratt & Co., $10 25. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of S. A. French, $87 50. Ref to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of E. Hope, jr., $9; W. M. Beach, $60 32; A. R. Merlett, $142 70; and S. Billington, $3. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of W. Roosevelt, $100. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of G. W. Cassedy, $36 80; J. McElwee, $2 14; and J. Hellerman, $1 44. Ref. to committee on finance.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of N. Ellis, $63 27; N. Ellis, $62 50; and W. L. Ormsby, $15.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of laborers on streets, $17; Woolsey & Clark, $1 42; E. Hope, jr., $15; N. Sharp, $35 20; R. S. Gillman, $4 50; Marshall & Morris, $104 88; T. Howe, $16 19; and A. A. Rece, $36.

The claim of E. Hope, jr., $30, referred to committee on alms on the 13th September last, was reported correct for $29, and that amount was ordered paid.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 3d instant was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council:

Resolved, That the plans herewith submitted for a school house, to be erected in the fourth ward, Jersey City, be, and are hereby adopted. And further

Resolved, That so soon hereafter as the said plan shall be approved by Board of Education, the joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings are authorized to advertise for proposals for the building the same. Proposals to be submitted to this Board.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Oct. 2d, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return, without my approval, the resolutions authorizing the joint committees of schools and public grounds and buildings, to advertise for proposals for the erection of a school house in the fourth ward, according to the plans last adopted by your honorable body.

The charter requires that school houses shall be built under the authority of an ordinance, and the resolutions before me does not at all conform to the requirements of a general ordinance recently adopted by your honorable body, for the erection of school houses.

The second section of the ordinance referred to, says, "that every resolution authorizing the erection of a public school house shall refer for authority to this ordinance, which resolution shall determine as accurately as possible the character and size of the building, and a limit as to its cost; and every such school house shall be erected according to a plan submitted or approved by the Board of Education, and adopted by nine concurring votes of the Common Council." Your honorable body must see at first blush, that the resolutions before me do not contorm to the ordinance, and therefore could not be carried into effect without a violation of law. Besides, I am informed that the Board of Education did not approve the plans, as adopted by your honorable body, and have returned them with some slight alterations for your further action. I merely refer to this, as an additional proof that the resolutions do not meet the requirements of the ordinance, and therefore should not receive my sanction. Under these circumstances, I return the resolutions for reconsideration, at the earliest possible date, that no unnecessary delay may be occasioned on my part, in taking legal measures to effect the proposed object.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Edge moved "That the resolutions do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote.

Yeas—None

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low, Rappleyea, Smith and White.

The City Clerk reported publication of the following corporation notices.

Application to have Van Vorst street filled up to the proper grade etc.

Application to have a temporary receiving basin and culvert put on the south west corner of Henderson and Mercer streets etc.

Application to have a portion of Railroad Avenue widened.

Application to have the continuation of Jersey Avenue raised above tide water etc.

Application to have a brick sewer built in Sussex street. The reports were received and ordered filed.

(Ald. Gardner retired.)

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing elections and resignations in that department. Elections approved, names ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued, and the proper entries of the resignations to be made.

Ald. Hill presented the following entitled ordinance, viz.:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, paving, curbing, guttering, laying side-walks and cross walks at all the intersections in Van Vorst street, between Grand and Gregory streets, including the intersections."

The ordinance was laid upon the table.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the finance committee be, and are hereby authorized, to negotiate a loan of five thousand dollars for seventy-five days, at a rate of interest not to exceed seven per cent per annum, in anticipation of taxes for the present year, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to issue a bond for the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Greene Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea, Smith and White.

Ald. Greene offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolutions passed on Sept. 5th and approved on the 12th of September for the erection of a School House in Fourth ward, be and are hereby rescinded. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Greene presented from the Board of Education, plans for a Public School House in the Fourth ward. Ald. Greene presented the following preamble and resolution in relation thereto.

Whereas the Board of Education have made application to the Mayor and Common Council for the erection of a School House in the Fourth ward, and have submitted plans for the same, Therefore

Resolved that a brick School House be erected on the Lots No.—— Erie street forty two feet by eighty feet, three stories high according to the plans submitted by the Board of Education at a cost not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars, and that the said School House be erected under the superintendency of the joint committees of schools and public grounds and buildings, and under authority of an ordinance approved Aug. 2, 1854. The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea, Smith and White.

Ald Greene offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings be authorized to advertise for proposals for the erection of a school house in the fourth ward, said proposals to be submitted to this Board.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution.

Resolved, that the committee on laws and ordinances, be and are hereby authorised to employ counsel in case for opening Montgomery street and for filling Bright street, to be argued before the Supreme Court at Trenton the first Tuesday in November next. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant for three hundred and fifty dollars, be drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of William Bumstead, being the amount of first payment due to him on his contract for building the Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriage House on the corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote'

Yeas—Ald Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea, Smith and White.

On motion of Ald. Edge the "ordinance for licensing and regulating the use of carts and cartmen," presented April 4, 1854, was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was amended and then referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to report it back, with suitable amendments, at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Ald. Hill, Slater and Thompson were appointed such committee.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder, for three thousand four hundred dollars, for filling in Grand street from Jersey street to the Mill Creek, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea, Smith and White.

On motion of Ald Slater, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourn, it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office on Wednesday next, the 11th instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

(Ald White appeared and took his seat.)

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the Board to appoint, *viva voce*, a member of the Board of Education, to fill the vacancy from the fourth ward; and on motion of Ald Tyrrell, Alexander Ramsay was appointed.

On motion of Ald Hill, it was

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder, for three quarters of the amount due on his contract for filling York st., between Warren and Henderson streets, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill. Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Smith.

On motion of Ald Edge, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, Wednesday October 11th, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock P.M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald. Low, Smith and Whitlock.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Tax list for 1854. Ref. back to the assessors, with instructions to assess the water tax.

Communication from Isaac B. Culver, asking to be appointed a city surveyor. Prayer of petitioner granted, subsequently the vote by which the same was granted was reconsidered, and the communication was laid upon the table.

Application from David S. Manners for the sanction and approval by the Common Council of a dock which the petitioner proposes to build near the Long Dock, accompanied by a plan of the same.

Ald Keeney offered the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That the plan submitted by the shore owners of lands on Harsimus Cove, or Hudson river, in this city, for building a wharf in front of their land be sanctioned and approved, provided that said wharf be built in a good and sufficient manner, subject to wharfage, and be located at the eastern end of the Long Dock and running therefrom easterly one hundred and twenty feet out into the said river, and to be fifty feet in width and built under the direction of the committee on ferries and wharves.

The resolution was adopted.

Communication from the Mayor, enclosing an injunction obtained by the Morris Canal Company in relation to the extending of Hudson street, and a communication from the chief engineer of the water works in regard to fire hydrants. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. Allen, $87; Flower & McDermott, $30; A. A. Rice, $36; and Uriah Townsend, $42. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of J. F. Fielder, $28 50; J. F. Fielder, $31; J. F. Fielder, 835 88; William Moore, $35; and T. B. Kissam, $10. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of Hudson County Mutual Insurance Co., $3, and Henderson and Wilson, $10. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of G Dummer & Co., $7. Ref. to committee on alms.

Requisitions were presented from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims, and warrants for the same were ordered to be drawn in favor of the claimants respectively named:

David Easton, $81 97, and $16 91; L. Ryan, $7 27, and $17 89; J. B. Dunn, $11 03; I. & G. W. Labau, $7 64; W. Rommel, $45 41; R. & B. Earle & Co., $10 94; Isaac Wakefield, $13 63; George Ford, $15 50; A. T. Smith, $30; A. Anderson, $75; C. Shepherd & Co., $130 03, and $39 51; and Ingham and Hall, $381 86.

The joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings presented proposals received by them (ten in number) for the contract to build a public school house in the Fourth ward.

Resolved, That the proposals for building a school house in the Fourth ward be referred to the joint committee on schools & public grounds & buildings, with authority to contract with the lowest bidder provided the committe deem it to the interest of the city to do so.—The resolution was adopted.

A communication was presented from the board of commissioners of assessments for improvements, stating that Commissioner Narine is interested in the improvement of South 8th street, from Grove street to Newark avenue. Communication received and ordered filed.

Ald Davenport presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That Charles G Sisson be appointed a commissioner of assessment from the 4th Ward, to assess the improvement for regulating South 8th-st, from Grove street to Newark avenue, in place of James Narine, he being interested in said assessment. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Willian Rosevelt for one hundred and fifty dollars, for first payment due to him on his contract for building Empire Hook and Ladder House No. 1. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea presented the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of William Bumstead for seven hundred dollars, for second payment due to him on his contract for building Empire Hook and Ladder House No. 1. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Davenport presented the following resolution.

Resolved that the committee on assessments be authorized to procure printed blanks for the "Records of assessments" at an expense not to exceed seventy-five dollars. The resolution was adopted.

Claims of Wm. Rosevelt for $32 87; and Isaac Wakefield for $39 15; were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

A claim of Smith Mead, for $6 88; for superintending the curbing and guttering of South 8th street was presented, referred to committee on streets, subsequently reported correct and then referred to the committess on assessments.

The committee on finance to whom was referred on the 6th June last the claim of "assessment for regulating north side of Rail Road Avenue between Newark Avenue and Prospect street, $92 83; returned the same, and was then referred to the committee on streets.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings was reported correct and ordered paid.

Of W. T. Weir, $5; G. A. Tittle, $3 40; P. N. Horsley, $6; Sunday Policemen, $38; J. Francisco, $23; T. B. Kissam, $37 50; P. Leonard, $9 50; J. O. Connell, $12 09; H. Keenan, $2; J. Hellerman, $1 44; J. McElwee, $2 14; S. Quaife, $3; G. W. Cassedy, $36 80; City Watchmen, $679 10; H. A. Miller & Co. $133 34; J. F. Richardson, $30; J. F. Richardson, $3 50; L. B. Hooey, 20; W. Eaton, $20; H. A. Miller & Co. $90 30; R. & J. McLaughl'n, $24 50; Bacot & Wood, $75; and W. Rosevelt, $100.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement cirtificate or cirtificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder for two thousand two hundred and fifty-one dollars and ninety-eight cents, being two-thirds of the amount of his bill for regulating Railroad avenue, north side, between Jersey st. and Brunswick st., and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and that the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low, Smith and Whitlock.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate, or certificates, be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder for two thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, being two-thirds of the amount of his bill for regulating Grand street, between Jersey st. and Mill Creek, according to certificate of city surveyors, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low, Smith and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Davenport the votes were reconsidered by which two inprovement certificates were at the last meeting ordered to be issued in favor of James F. Fielder and Ald. Hill, by consent of the Board then withdrew said resolutiohs.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder, for twenty seven hundred and ninty-two dollars and fifty-six cents, being two-thirds of the amount of his bill for regulating York street, between Warren st. and Henderson st., and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Low, Smith and Whitlock.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder, for four thousand six hundred and eighteen dollars and ninety-five cents, being two-thirds of the amount of his bill for regulating Grand-st between Grove-st and Van Vorst street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the Seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas— The President, Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Low, Smith and Whitlock.

Ald. Rappleyea obtained leave and retired.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the property situated on the south side of Newark Avenue between Henderson and Warren streets, be and they are hereby directed to repair and relay the side walk in front of their premises, to the full width of eight feet from the curb stone, and when this resolution shall have been approved of by the Mayor, of the city, it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner to serve a copy of the same upon the owner or occupant of each of the premises in question.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low, Rappleyea, Smith and Whitlock.

Alderman Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owner or owners of the property situated on the westerly side of Warren street, between York street and Newark avenue, including both intersections, be, and they are hereby directed to repair, fill up, and lay and relay the sidewalk in front of their premises, to the full width of eight feet from the curb stone, and when this resolution shall have been approved by the Mayor of this city, it shall be the duty of the street commissioner to serve a copy of the same upon the owner or occupant of each of the premises in question.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Aldermen Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Low, Rappleyea, Smith and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Abraham Van Riper was *viva voce* appointed Clerk of the Fourth ward.

On motion of Ald. Slater the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and John P. Masseker was *viva voce* appointed a constable from the Second ward, in the place of William A. Pollard, deceased.

On motion of Ald. Hill the resolution which limits the number of city surveyors was rescided.

On motion of Ald. Hill the rule requiring a balloting was rescinded, and Isaac B. Culver, was *viva voce* appointed a city surveyor.

A communication was presented from the Board of commissioners of assessments for improvements, enclosing the claims referred to them for regulating York street, from Warren to Henderson street, stating that there are legal difficulties in the way of their proceeding to assess the said claims.

Communication and claims referred to the committee on streets.

Alderman Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the mayor and city clerk be requested to issue two bonds, each *five thousand one hundred and fifty dollars*, for three months, dated October 6, 1854, for the purpose of renewing two bonds and interest, held by the Hudson County Bank.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Aldermen Cleveland Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Aldermen Rappleyea, Smith, and Whitlock.

The Joint committee on Streets and Assessments, who were by resolution of February 8th 1854, authorized to employ a competent surveyor to examine the surveys and maps made by John Bevan, presented a report setting forth that they employed Bacot & Wood to make such examination, and that said surveys and maps are found to be incorrect; the report being accompanied by the following resolution,

Resolved, That the contract dated August 19th. 1851 between Mr. John Bevan, and the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City for furnishing a correct city map and ward maps, by actual survey of all the blocks lots and subdivisions of lots within the corporate limits of Jersey City, be and the same is hereby annulled. Report received and resolution adopted.

The committee on streets to whom was referred on the 5th September inst, the petition of G. W. White and others to have the street which is the continuation of Jersey Avenue filled up, reported adversely to granting the prayer of petitioners. Report received.

On motion of Ald Hill it was Resolved, That the committee on streets be directed to have repaved the carriage way of the block in Wayne street between Henderson and Grove streets.

The committee on streets reported as correct for the amounts named, the following claims, and they were then referred to the committee on assessments.

Of Hugh Keenan, $519 45, and Bacot & Wood, $20 00, referred on the 4th October inst

Of John Arbuckle, $2,388 85; Corrigan & Wallace, $712 49; Bacot & Wood, $75; Bacot & Wood, $25, referred Sept. 19, 1854; Wm. Moore, $35 referred at this meeting.

Of Alexander Wilson, $1,240 67; Bacot & Wood, $50; Smith Mead, $57 50, referred Sept. 5, 1854; and Alexander Wilson, $35 34, referred Sept. 19, 1854.

Of Jas. F. Fielder, $6,928 43; Bacot & Wood, $200 and Wm. Moore, $78 75, referred on the 4th inst.

Of Bacot & Wood, $50; Jas. F. Fielder, $1494 09, and Wm. Moore, $18 75, referred on the 4th inst.

Of James F. Fielder, correct for $3,377 97; Bacot & Wood, $100, and Wm. Moore, $16 25, referred on the 19th Sept. last.

Of Jas. F. Fielder, $1,347 94; Bacot & Wood $50, and William S. Bagley, $42 50, referred on the 4th inst.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department announcing the following elections, resignations and expulsions in that Department, viz:

Election of Edward Capron and R. McPherson by Protection Co. No. 5.

Election of John Pringle, George Phelps, N. McCormick, and Phillip B. Marsh, by Empire Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.

Expulsion of James N. Willis and Christopher Mills, by Protection Engine Company No. 5.

Resignation of James R. Gautier and H. M. Lane, as members of Hercules Engine No. 3.

On motion of Ald. Edge it was resolved, that the elections be approved, the names enrolled and the usual certificates of membership issued: that the names of the expelled members be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department, and that the proper entries of the resignation be made in the roll book of the Fire Department.

On motion of Ald. Keeney the Board then adjourned.

G. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

### Regular Meeting, October 17, 1854.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present at the calling of the roll—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea and Slater.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Hill the Marshal was despatched after absentees.

Ald. Tyrrell appeared and took his seat.

In the absence of the President, on motion of Ald. Greene, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President *pro tem.*

Ald. Low, White and Whitlock appeared and took their seats during the reading of the minutes.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Smith and Thompson

The minutes of the meetings of the 3d,4th,and 11th inst., were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Communication from Bacot & Wood, stating that they are engaged in making a map of the city, and asking that a committee be appointed to confer with them in regard to a system of street and lot numbers for the said map. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Mrs Potter Browning for a tavern license for the Philadelphia Hotel. Ref. to Committee on police and licenses.

Petition of Joseph Sanborn and others to have lamps placed on the corners of Coles, Monmouth and Brunswick streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of Protestant Episcopal Free Church in Third Ward, for the use of the building in Mercer street used as a primary school. Ref. to committee on schools, with instructions to confer with the Board of Education,and empowering the committee to grant the prayer of petitioners, if the committee deem it expedient to do so.

Petition of R. R. Rappleyea and William White to have York street, from Grove street to Jersey street, graded, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of S. R. Tyrrell to have South Sixth street, between Erie street and Jersey Avenue graded etc. Ref to committee on streets.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. F. Fielder, $3617 29; W. P. Bagley. $57 50; Bacot & Wood. $125; P. Leonard, $10 25; J. O'Connell, $11 53; T. B. Kissam, $27 50; and B. W. Ryder. $10. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of F. Porrett, $158 14; Jersey City Gas Light Company, $2 84, and $11 81. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of P. N. Horsley, $7; A. Barmore & Co. $9 19; Jersey City Gas Light Co. $10, and $10. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of Morrell & Vanderbeck, $39 94. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of James Flemming, $100; and L. A. Pratt & Co. $19 75. Ref. to joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings.

Of John Francisco, $19; and Daily Telegraph, $61. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of Wendel Green, $44 15. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of Morrell & Vanderbeck, $1 75. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of J. C. Gas Light Co., $17 10; W. Eaton, $20 50, and H. Billingsley, $24. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Requisition from Board of Education, in favor of A. T. Smith. Esq., chairman of the finance committee of said Board, for the sum of $2050, for the salaries of the teachers in the public schools for the year ending Oct. 31, 1854. Warrant for the sum named ordered to be drawn in favor of the chairman of the finance committee of Board of Education.

Claims of special police, $15 50, and Daily Telegraph, $112 50. Ref. to committee on police and licenses, afterward reported correct and ordered paid.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of J. F. Fielder, $31; J. F. Fielder, $35 88; T. B. Kissam, $10; J. F Fielder, $28 50; W. W. Beach, $60 32; E. Hope, jr., $9; T. Billington, $3; G. Dummer & Co., $7; A. R. Merlett, $142 70; R. S. Gillman, $7; Alexander Love, 87 31; Alexander Love, $3 60; A. A. Rice, $36; Uriah Townsend, $42; Flower & McDermott, $30, and G. Cooper, $6.

The following communication from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 7th instant, was presented and read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Oct. 5, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return without my approval an ordinance, which, by its title, proposes to amend "an ordinance concerning inns and taverns," approved August 18, 1853.

The document before me commences with a preamble, setting forth that "difficulties have arisen in regard to the true intent and meaning of the term selling, etc.," in the ordinance which this proposes to amend, and concludes as follows—"The Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City do thereupon ordain as follows: That if any person or persons (except a person licensed to keep an inn and tavern within the limits aforesaid) by himself or herself, or his or her clerk, servant, or agent shall have exposed to public view, a sign for an inn or tavern, or any painting, sign, or other device upon any house or other building, as aforesaid, usually designating that spirituous or intoxicating liquor as aforesaid, are sold or exposed for sale; or if any person or persons, his or her clerk, servant or agent shall have in any house, room,or other building as aforesaid, any casks, barrels, bottles, or *other vessels* of *whatsoever kind*, in which *spirituous* or *intoxicating liquors* as aforesaid *are usually kept.* (except those having licenses as aforesaid.) It shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence, that *such casks, barrels, bottles*, or *other vessels* as aforesaid, *contain spirituous* or *intoxicating liquors*, and *they* are *intended for sale*."

There is a constitutional requirement that the provisions of a bill, or law, shall conform to its title, but in the case before me, I can not see the shadow or color of an amendment to the ordinance which this document proposes to amend; it neither strickes out, adds to, or alters any of the sections of the ordinance "concerning Inns and Taverns," and therefore could not properly receive my sanction, a proper title to the document before me would be, an ordinance on Law defining the rules of evidence, or in other words the

Common Council of Jersey City on evidence, a subject in my judgement over which we have no control, certainly no power is delegated to us by the charter to change or establish the rules of evidence. Should the law under consideration be carried into effect no person or persons without a license could be punished under it for putting up a sign or other divice on his or her house, designating that spirituous liquors are sold or exposed for sale, this mater is not referred to in the ordinance to which this is an amendment, and it is not made an offence under this, although you had full power to make it so. you have left this matter without any definate action, and proceeded under the ordinance to declare what shall be evidence in other matters, you declare that it shall be *prima facie* evidence that any casks bottles or other vessels that may be found in any unlicensed house or room within the limits, of the city, in which spirituous liquors are usually kept, (no matter whether empty, or full of vinegar, molasses, or water,) that they contain intoxicating liquors, and that they are intended for sale, such a law would implicate every housekeeper within the limits of the city, whether innocent or guilty, and in my judgement is not warranted by the charter and certainly not founded in truth, good sense and justice.

I therefore return the document with the full assurance that every member of your Honorable Body will concur with me in the propriety of the course I have adopted, and I will assure you, that any reasonable or salutary amendment to perfect the ordinance which you propose to amend, will meet my ready and hearty concurrence.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Hill moved "That the communication be returned to the Mayor for correction, so as to make it respectful to the Common Council."

The motion was not adopted the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Edge and Low.

Yeas—Ald. Hill, Keeney and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Slater, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Smith and Thompson.

Ald. Low was excused from voting, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Edge the communication was received and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of Proceedings of the Common Council.

Ald. Rappleyea moved, "that the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Greene, Low, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Smith and Thompson.

The City Clerk reported publication of the following corporation notices, viz:

"Application to have portions of Montgomery street and Jersey street, graded, etc.

"Application to have a drain made from the easterly side of Jersey avenue to and through the alleyway which runs through the centre of the blocks lying westerley of Jersey avenue, and to extend to ay open ditch in the salt marsh, at a point about fiftn feet westerly from Monmouth street." Reports received and ordered filed.

A communication was presented from chief engineer of fire department, stating that James R. Gautier has not resigned from the fire department, but wishes to be transferred from Engine Co. No. 3 to Diligent Hose Co. No. 3, and asking that the action of the Common Council at its last meeting, which directed an entry of Mr. Gautier's resignation to be entered in the roll book of the department, be rescinded, and that permission for the transfer be granted. Communication received, action of the Common Council in relation to Mr. Gautier's resignation rescinded, and permission granted for his transfer.

A return was presented from the Collector of Assessments of delinquents on the following assessments, viz:

"Regulating and flagging south side of Railroad avenue, between Grove and Gilbert streets."

"Filling, flagging and paving Montgomery street, between Grove and Henderson streets."

"Filling north side of Railroad avenue, between Prospect and Warren streets."

"Regulating Warren street, between Montgomery and Morgan streets."

"Regulating Warren street, between Bergen and Essex streets."

Ref. to committee on finance, with power to advertise and sell according to law.

The joint committe on schools and public grounds and buildings reported that they have made a contract with E. A. Johnson and Wm. Connelly, for building the Fourth Ward school house, and have appointed Goseph B. Stone to superintend the building of the same at a salary of $200, the report being accompanied by the contracts and bonds for the same and the following resolution:

Resolved, That the contracts with S. E. Johnson for the carpenter work and with Wm. Connelly for the masons work of Fourth Ward school house, which have been executed by them be executed on the part of the city by his honor the *Mayor* of the city, and that the seal of the city be attached by the City Clerk, and that the bonds be filed with the Comptroller.

Report received and resolution adopted.

Ald Hill presented the following entitled ordinances, and the same were laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for the opening of the north side of Railroad avenue, from its junction with Newark avenue to the east side of Grove street."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, curbing and guttering Montgomery street, between Barrow street and Jersey avenue, including intersections."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, curbing and guttering Jersey avenue, between Mercer street and the Grand street road, including the intersections."

The City Clerk presented the Assessors tax list for 1854, and it was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

A communication from the Board of Education was presented, stating that Commissioner Gould is interested in the assessment for regulating South

Fourth street from Grove to Erie street, and requesting that a special commissioner might be appointed in his place.

The communication was received and ordered filed; and David B. Wakeman, was appointed such special commissioner—on motion of Ald. Davenport.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea leave was granted to John Schofield to withdraw his application for a tavern license.

The committee on sewers, to whom was referred on the 13th September last, the petition of J. B. Arthur and others for a sewer in Sussex street, reported adversely to the application, for the reason that said application does not conform to the plan of city sewerage which has been adopted. Report received.

The committee on sewers to whom was referred on the 19th September last the preamble and resolution providing for the construction of a sewer in Essex street, between the Hudson River and the Morris Canal, reported, the following preamble and resolution in place of the one referred to them.

Whereas application have been made to the Mayor and Common Council for the construction of a main sewer in Essex, Van Vorst and Grand streets, from the Hudson River to Mill Creek, with its tributaries, and the usual notice for objections having been duly published; therefore,

Resolved, That a main sewer be constructed, commencing at the Hudson River, running through Essex street to Van Vorst street, then northerly through Van Vorst street to Grand street, through Grand st. to Grove st., then through Grand street, as called on Van Vorst Map and on Mann's Map, Bright street to the Mill Creek, with the mecessary tributaries and receiving basins; said sewer to be built according to the plan of sewerage heretofore presented by the water commissioners and adopted by the common council, and that Moses B. Bramhall, Erastus Randall and John V. Brower, be appointed commissioners to assess and report the estimated cost of said sewer and its tributaries, and in conformity with the requirements of the charter and an ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City, approved June 28th, 1854.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

Ald Hill stated that John Griffith declined to act as commissioner of estimate and assessment of the cost of opening Grove street, and on motion of Ald. Hill, Charles M. Holmes was appointed such commissioner in place of Mr Grifith.

On motion of Ald. Hill the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the Board to appoint *viva voce* a watchman from the Third ward in the place of Peter P. Post resigned; and on motion of Ald. Hill James C. Smith was appointed such Watchman.

On motion of Ald Davenport the rule requiring a ballotting was suspended to enable the board to appoint viva-voce a Watchman from the First Ward in the place of Alfred Gilkison resigned.—and on motion of Ald. Davenport, Frederick B. Watts was appointed such watchman.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the resolution passed September 19th 1854, "notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor" providing for the building of an additional story on the Hook and Ladder House in Grand street, to be used as a Common Council Chamber, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to have such alterations and additions made to Hook and Ladder House No. 1, corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets, as they may deem necessary, provided the expense shall not exceed two thousand dollars, and that the parties who make such alterations and repairs will agree to take in payment for the same the bond or bonds of the city payable in twelve months from the completion of the same at the rate of six per cent interest per year.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Rappleyea and Slater.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Smith and Thompson.

Ald. Low offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the owner or owners of property on the north side of Wayne street, between Barrow and Grove streets, be notified by the Street Commissioner to repair the same; and if not done within ten days after the Mayor approve this resolution, the same shall be done by the street committee, and be a lien on the property for reparing said walk.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Smith and Thompson.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the price for a license to keep an inn or tavern shall be fifty dollars for the time the said license be granted.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Gardner the Board proceeded to the appointment of a chief of day police.

Ald. Hill nominated Hiram H. Fenn;

Ald. Edge nominated John H. Low;

Ald. Rappleyea nominated Thomas J. Foote.

Ald. Davenport and Greene were appointed Tellers.

Ballotings were had with the following result:

1st balloting—

John H. Low received 6 votes;
Hiram H. Fenn received 4 votes;
Billy Bumstead received 1 vote.

2d balloting—

Hiram H. Fenn received 4 votes;
John H. Low received 6 votes;
James F. Fielder received 1 vote.

3d balloting—

John H. Low received 6 votes;
Hiram H. Fenn received 3 votes;
James B. Dunn received 1 vote;
Samuel A. French received 1 vote.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the further balloting was postponed.

Ald. Davenport presented the following entitled ordinance, and the same was laid upon the table, viz:

"An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled, 'an ordinance concerning inns and taverns,' approved August 18, 1853."

The committee on streets returned the claim of "assessment for regulating north side of Railroad avenue, between Newark avenue and Prospect street," $92.83, referred to them on the 11th inst., and the claim was then referred to the committee on finance,

On motion of Ald. Edge, the ordinance presented September 16, 1851, entitled "an ordinance relative to the erection of wooden buildings," was taken up, considered, and then laid upon the table again, and the City Clerk was directed to have the same print on slips for the use of the Board.

(Ald. Low obtained leave and retired.)

On motion of Ald Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz:

An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading paving curbing, laying cross-walks and side-walks five feet wide in Jersey Avenue between South 2d street and the Mill Creek except that part lying between South 1st street, and North 1st street, comprising a part of the Public Square.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low, Smith and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration:

An ordinance to provide for the filling in, paving, curbing, guttering and laying side walks and cross walks at all the intersections in Van Vorst street, between Grand and Gregory streets, including the intersections.

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low, Smith and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the following entitled ordinance was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance to provide for filling in Varick and Putnam streets to the depth of three feet, between Grand street and Canal street, and Gilchrist and Canal street be filled up to the depth of three feet, from Jersey street to the Mill Creek."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low, Smith and Thompson.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, November 7, 1854.

Present—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Cleveland was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Keeney, Low and Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of New York and Washington Magnetic Telegraph Company, to change a portion of their line. Prayer of petitioners granted, provided the change be made under direction of committee on streets.

Petition of Mrs. Bavier, for the interference of the Common Council on behalf of her husband, confined in prison for violating the ordinance regulating inns and taverns. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Mrs. Potter Browning, for remission of fines imposed upon her for violating ordinance regulating inns and taverns. Laid upon the table.

Petition of B B. Grinnell and others asking to have the ordinance providing for the improvement of Varick, Putnam, Gilchrist and Canal streets, so framed as to give to the parties who will be assessed for said work, until the first day of July next to do it themselves. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of P. N. Horsley, to have the ordinance relative to the impounding of animals, amended.—Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Petitions of the following persons for license to keep Inns and Taverns, viz:

James Wilson, G. H. Dietz, Jacob Smith, William Ewald, W. & C. B Jaquins, John Smith, Francis Boyle, H. H. Linnemann, Charles Loman, Moses Cotton, W. Bean, Ignatz Schrank, John Corrigan (2 petitions.) Matthew Bradley, John B. Rae, Frederick Flautsch, John Hann, Robert Harrison, Hugh Reilly, John Arbuckle, Michael McKeon, William Moore, John Allen, John J. Wanner, Patrick Martin, William King, Owen McCue. W. A. Crawford, Rainey & Mc Carty, John Schofield, Snedden & Hanretta and H. Rathbone. Laid upon table; subsequently taken up on motion of Ald. Rappleyea, and referred to a special committee of eight with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

The following were appointed such committee, viz:

Ald. Rappleyea, Keeney, Hill, White, Slater, Cleveland, Davenport, and Thompson. To which committee the President was added.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea,

Petition of John Walker and Elizabeth Reily, for remission of fines imposed upon them for violation of ordinance regulating Inns and Taverns. Laid upon the table.

Petition of F. Beseler and others to have a tavern license granted to Jacob Smith. Ref. to the special committee on that subject appointed at this meeting.

Official bond John P. Masseker, as Constable. Received and approved.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. L. Burst & Co., $20 99; J Crummey, $37; M. Sharp, $25 12; E. Hope, Jr., $11 50; A. R. Merlett, $77 07; L. Jones, $20; W. Whitley, $16 47; J. Knight, $15; and Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co., $37 32. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of Corrigan & Wallace, $43 51; James F. Fielder, $44 25; $110 04, $94 45 and $51 96; Bacot & Wood, $200; W. Moore, $5 63, $6 87 and $58 12; and J. F. Fielder & Co., $131. 85, $191 18, $4994 93, and $224 07. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of D. Bedford, $25; G. E. Cutter, $9 50; W. Pitcher, $16; Daily Telegraph, $18; and H. Gilbert, $6,-25. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of P. N. Horsley, $2, and P. C. Dummer, $14 79. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of H. McComb, $55, and R. S. Gillman, $5 59. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of Lewis Colby, $50. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of C. H. Winfield, $3 15. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of James F. Fielder, $4 13. Ref. to committee on sewers.

Of trustees of public schools, in Van Vorst township, $8 43. Ref. to committee on schools.

Of J. F. Richardson, $30. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of M. O'Donnel, 50 cents. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of Ira Clark, $25, and Isaac Van Saun, $25. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of James F. Fielder, $110 04. Ref. to committee on streets, afterwards reported correct and then referred to committee on assessments.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Morrell & Vanderbeek, $1 75; H. A. Miller & Co., $135 66; G. W. Cassedy, $187 50; G. W. Cassedy, $4 50; R. D. McClelland, $175; Isaac Van Saun, $350; R. S. Gillman, $175; N. Ellis, $57 23; S. Anness, $10 83; W. Whitley, $125; J. F. Richardson, $8; G. E. Cutter, $125; Kroch & Co., $20; City Watchmen, $682 14; Sunday Policemen, $47 50; J. B. Stone, $25; J. F. Richardson, $8; Ira Clark, $350, and Fidelity Division, $37 50.

Ald. Cleveland appeared and took his seat.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 26th ultimo, was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, that the owner or owners of the property situated on the westerly side of Warren street, between York street and Newark avenue, including both intersections, be, and they are hereby directed to repair, fill up, and lay and relay the sidewalk in front of their premises, to the full width of eight feet from the curb stone, and when this resolution shall have been approved by the Mayor of this city, it shall be the duty of the street commissioner to serve a copy of the same upon the owner or occupant of each of the premises in question.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY OCT. 25, 1854.

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

I have received and return without my approval a resolution directing the owner or owners of property on the westerly side of Warren street, between York and Newark Avenue, to fill up and lay, and relay the sidewalks in front of said premises to the full width of *eight feet* from the curbstone.

Since the resolution has been before me, I have examined the premises in question, and find said sidewalk laid with heavy first quality flagstone, four feet wide, properly elevated above the curbstone, and all in good condition, with the exception of some two or three of the stones, which appear to have been broken by carts or wagons, in crossing over them. This sidewalk in its present condition will certainly compare favorably with the best sidewalks laid down under the direction of the authorities during the present year, and as there are no dwellings, on the side and part of the street proposed to be improved, I can not see the necesssity of exacting an *eight foot* sidewalk in this case, it certainly is unprecedented in the history of our public improvements, especially adjoining unimproved property.

While I am ever ready to sanction every measure necessary to repair our streets and sidewalks, and keep them in proper condition, I can not but deem it unwise, and unjust to force upon the city, or individuals, expenditures, not demanded by public necessity.

I am constrainud to believe, gentlemen, that your Honorable Body could not have examined the premises in question prior to the adoption of the resolution before me, and, therefore, without further comment, very respectfully return it for your reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Hill moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor." The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas aud nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas.—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays.—Ald. Gardner and Greene.

Absent.—Ald. Edge, Keeney, Low and Smith.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 30th ult., was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the Common Council.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Oct. 30th, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I herewith return without my approval, an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, paving, curbing, guttering, laying crosswalks and side-walks five feet wide, in Jersey avenue, between South Second street and the Mill Creek, except that part lying between South First street and North First street, comprising a part of the public square."

The ordinance before me assumes, by its title, that South First and North First streets run through and cross Jersey avenue on the northerly and southerly sides of the public square, which is not the fact. This square was dedicated to the public by John B. Coles, by an authorized map of his property, duly filed in the year 1804, and on which map South First and North First streets and Pavonia avenue terminate, on the easterly and westerly sides of the square, in the same manner as Jersey avenue terminates on its northerly and southerly sides, leaving within the termini of these streets an area as ascertained by protraction, of six hundred feet square; had South First and North First streets been extended across Jersey avenue on said map, by the grantor, it would have shown a parallelogram, instead of its present shape. It will therefore be seen, that the ordinance under consideration is based on improper data, and the improvements authorized under it could not be legally carried into effect.

If South First and North First streets were extended by imaginary lines across the square to conform to the title of the ordinance, it would project Jersey avenue sixty feet into the square on either side, which evidently could not have been the intention of the dedicator, or it would have so appeared on his map. I therefore return the ordinance, not for the purpose of defeating the proposed improvement of Jersey avenue, but to have it corrected to meet the facts in the case, and confine the improvements within the limits of said avenue, as laid down and dedicated to the public.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Hill moved "That the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor." The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas.—None.

Nays.—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Thompson, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent.—Ald. Edge, Keeney, Low and Smith.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 31st ult., was presented, read and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the common council

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Oct. 30th, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return without my signature, an ordinance entitled "an ordinance to provide for filling in Varick and Putnam streets, to the depth of three feet, between Grand street and Canal street, and Gilchrist and Canal street be filled to the depth of three feet, between Jersey street and the Mill Creek.

All of the above named streets were dedicated to the public on an authorized map, duly filed by the late Cornelius Van Vorst, who subsequently conveyed all the property covering the streets named in this ordinance to another party, which property was afterwards re-plotted, the streets vacated, all narrowed, and some of them changed as to their locality, under the authority of the Court of Common Pleas. A question has recently arisen as to the width of Bright street, formerly Grand, in the case of Charles M. Holmes against the Mayor and Common Council, which street was vacated and narrowed by the same authority. The case has already been argued on the part of the City, and the Chancellor has the matter now under advisement. I am also informed that it is held by eminent counsel, that the original owner had no right to change or alter the streets thus dedicated, and that the Court, under whose authority the streets in question were vacated and narrowed, had no jurisdition over the matter. Under these circumstances, I feel that it would be the dictate of prudence to await the decision of the Chanceller in the case of Bright street, as that decision will have a like bearing upon the locality and width of the streets named in the ordinance under consideration. Besides, should this ordinance be carried into effect, and the work put under contract, and the streets should prove to be improperly and illegally located, the contractors would hold the city for the amount of the contract, and it is certainly our duty to guard against such an event. Should it prove on the contrary that these streets have been laid out by legal authority, the improvement is not immediately demanded by public necessity, and the interests of the parties immediately effected by this improvement would be best consulted, in my opinion, by giving them some six months to execute the work, prior to putting it under contract. I am induced to believe that your Honorable body will concur in this opinion, when you take into consideration the near approach of winter, the unprecedented high price of material and the scarcity of money. Under these circumstances, I return the ordinance for reconsideration. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Hill moved "That the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor." The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Greene, Hill, Rapplepea and Tyrrell.

Nays.—Ald Davenport, Gardner, Slater, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Absent.—Ald Edge, Keeney, Low and Smith.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 4th inst., was presented, read and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the common council.

Whereas application has been made to the Mayor and Common Council for the construction of a main sewer in Essex, Van Vorst and Grand streets, from the Hudson River to Mill Creek, with its tributaries, and the usual notice for objections having been duly published; therefore,

Resolved, That a main sewer be constructed, commencing at the Hudson River, running through Essex street to Van Vorst street, then northerly throngh Van Vorst street to Grand street, through Grand st. to Grove st., then through Grand street, as called on Van Vorst Map and on Mann's Map, Bright street to the Mill Creek, with the necessary tributaries and receiving basins; said sewer to be built according to the plan of sewerage heretofore presented by the water commissioners and adopted by the common council, and that Moses B. Bramhall, Erastus Randall and John V. Brower, be appointed commissioners to assess and report the estimated cost of said sewer and its tributaries, and in conformity with the requirements of the charter and an ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City, approved June 28th, 1854.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City Nov. 4th, 1854.

*To the Honorable the Common Council:*

Gentlemen—I return without my approval a resolution authorizing the constructien of a main sewer from the Hudson river to the Mill Creek, running through Essex, Van Vorst, Grand, and Bright streets, with the tributaries, and receiving Basins, according to the plan of sewerage, heretofore adopted by your Honorable Body.

It is due to state that the resolution before me, is in proper form to meet the requirements of the law, and if passed by nine concurring votes, would have received my sanction, if Bright street had been properly opened to the Mill Creek, and the injunction removed, in the case of Charles M. Holmes, against the Mayor and Common Council. But said street has never been opened and properly graded west of Jersey street, and unless the lateral drains, and receiving Basins, are constructed on this unimproved portion of the street, according to the profile and general plan of sewerage, the property could not be legally assessed for the improvement. Besides the resolution, can not at this time, be carried into effect without directly violating the order of the chancellor, in the case above quoted, or setting at naught the proceedings of the court of Common Pleas in relation to the width of said street, which I am sure could not have been the intention of your Honorable Body.

All the required preliminary proceedings have been had on the first application for a said sewer in Essex street, as far as Van Vorst street, (or the Morris Canal.) and I can see no good reason why this part of the work has been so long delayed. This work is not only demanded by the parties who are to be assessed for it, but by public necessity, it will show at once, and at a very limited expense, the practical operation of this system of sewerage, about which so much has been said and written, and why a matter of such abiding interest should thus be allowed to sleep for another year, and other matters of far less importance pushed forward regardless of the expense, is entirely beyond my comprehension to devise or understand. Gentlemen with this brief view of the subject I return the resolution for your further action.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. White moved "That the preamble and resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor."

The motion was not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—None.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Keeney, Low and Smith.

The city clerk laid before the board a communication from his honor the mayor, entered by him in the "Resolution Book" The communication was read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on streets be directed to have repaved the carriage way of the block in Wayne street, between Henderson and Grove streets.

City Clerk, Sir,

I return without my sanction the above resolution, on the ground that the work has already been executed regardless of my action thereon, and that the section of the old ordinance requiring streets to be repaved at the expense of the city was repealed by the first ordinance under the present charter.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

October 26, 1854.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing subpœna in chancery—served on him. Ref. to City Attorney.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor announcing the suspension of John A. Topping a city watchman. Ref. to committee on watch.

The City Treasurer's reports for September and October 1854. showing a balance of $138 75, in the treasury on the 1st November inst, were presented and referred to committee on finance.

A communication from the Collector of Assessments asking authority to abate interest in cases of several assessments,—was presented and laid upon the table.

The committee on schools reported that the Board of Education have acted on the petition of Protestant Episcopal Free Church in Third ward, presented on the 17th ultimo. Report received and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Ald. Thompson offered the following preamble and resolution;

Whereas, so many applications are being at present presented to the common council, to remit fines laid upon those who have violated the law by selling liquor without license; therefore,

Resolved, That the common council refuse positively to remit or rescind any fines or penalties which have been legally laid.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the public as well as the fire deparment have been but to serious inconvenience by the raising of false alarms of fire, and as the Common Council have just been informed, that in obeying the call of a false alarm, one of our citizens has lost his life in the discharge of his duty as a fireman; therefore, be it

Resolved, That his honor the Mayor be requested to offer a reward of $100, to be paid to the person who shall give information sufficient to convict any person guilty of violating that part of the ordinance relating to the fire department, providing against raising false alarms.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

Ald. Hill from the committee on streets presented sealed proposals received this day for contracts, in answer to advertisement of the said committee.

The proposals were opened, all of those which were for the improvement of Jersey Avenue between South Second street and Mill Creek, and of portions of Varick, Putnam, Gilchrist and Canal streets were rejected, and the remaining ones read, and referred to the committee on streets with authority to contract with the lowest bidder, if the committee deem it to the interest of the City to do so.

The commissioners of estimate and assessments reports and maps of the cost of the improvements named in the following resolutions, and the same were ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office.

Ald Davenport presented and submitted the following resolutions (eight in number,) all of which were adopted, the vote being taken on each one separately.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the Assessor's report and map for regulating South 8th street from Grove street to Newark Avenue is on file in the city clerk's office No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on the Third Tuesday in November at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map, for regulating the side walk east side of Hudson st., between Wayne and Warren st., is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the third Tuesday in November at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assesment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for regulating Montgomery st., from Henderson st. to Van Vorst st., is on file in the city clerk's office. No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the third Tuesday in November, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.. to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for regulating South First street, from Grove street to Erie street, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the third Tuesday in November at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessors' report and map for regulating South 4th street, from Grove street to Erie street, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the third Tuesday in November, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessor's report and map for regulating north side of Railroad avenue, between Jersey street and Brunswick street, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the third Tuesday in November at 7 1-2 o'clock. P. M. to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessor's report and map for regulating South 6th street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the the third Tuesday in November. at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper that the assessors report and map for regulating Grand street, from Van Vorst street to Grove street inclusive, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery st, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber on the third Tuesday in November, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolutions by Ald Davenport were presented and disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. Moore for sixteen dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Hudson street between Wayne and Mercer street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low, and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of T. B. Kissam, for six dollars and twenty five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer streets, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Smith Mead, for fifty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South Fifth street, between Erie street and 200 feet west of Prospect st., and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improved certificate be issued. under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Smith Mead for three dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintinding the regulating of York st., between Warren and Henderson st., and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The president, and Ald, Cleveland, Davenport, Greene Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of T. B. Kissam for fifty-one dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of York street, between Henderson and Warren street, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport. Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Resolved, that an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Isaac Wolf, for seventy-eight dollars, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Morgan street, from Greene street to Grove street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Neas.—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays.—None.

Absent.—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smfth.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Wm. Moore for eighty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Morgan st from Grove to Green street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. Moore, for fifteen dollars and sixty-two cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Warren street, between Essex street and Bergen street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Clevelend, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. Moore, for twenty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Montgomery street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White rnd Whitlock.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Bumstead for eight hundred dollars, for third payment on his contract for building the Hook and Ladder House in Grand street."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White aud Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of William Roosevelt for four hundred and fifty dollars, for second and third payments on his contract for building Hook and Ladder House in Grand streer."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rnppleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, *White* and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

The resignation of John F. Richardson as a city watchman was presented, received, and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Davenport it was

Resolved, That the comptroller be allowed to take to his office, from the city clerk's office, the book of assessors reports and maps whenever he may require it, to make the transcript for the collector of assessments, required by the ordinance defining the duties of that officer.

Ald. Greene offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of F. E. Johnson for two hundred and fifty dollars, for first payment due to him on his contract for building school house in the 4th ward.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

None—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Ald. Greene offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of Wm. Connolly, for five hundred dollars, for first payment due to him on his contract for building school house in the 4th ward.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Ald. Greene offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the Mechanics' & Traders' Bank have agreed to loan the city, from time to time for its accommodation, such sums as may be required from this date until the 30th December, 1855, that may amount in the aggregate at any one time to at least twenty thousand dollars; provided the funds of the city are deposited in said bank during said period: therefore,

Resolved, That the city treasurer be directed to deposit the city funds in the Mechanics' & Traders' Bank of this city after this date, in the manner prescribed by the ordinance defining his duties.

The preamble and resolution were not adopted, the following being the vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Whitlock and Cleveland.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Greene, Hill, Slater and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald Cleveland, Rappleyea, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

On motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Resolved, That Simon F. Noys, Alexander Wilson and Stephen Quaife, be appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost of opening Jersey avenue, in the place of the commissioners formerly appointed, whose time for reporting was expired.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on alms be authorized to purchase, not exceeding one hundred tons coal, for the use of the alms house and out-door poor of the city.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city clerk be requested to purchase three copies of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey, and place one in the Mayor's office, one in the common council chamber, and one in the city clerk's office.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the resolution was amended by adding "and in addition thereto one for each of the members of the Common Council."

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland the rule requiring a ballotting was suspended to enable the Board to appoint viva-voce a City Watchman in the place of John F. Richardson resigned, and on motion of Ald. Cleveland, Jarvis S. Ayres were appointed such Watchman.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution.

Resolved, that the finance committee be and are hereby authorized to issue Bonds under the seal of the Mayor and city clerk for the purpose of renewing Bonds held by the Hudson Co. Bank now due, and that those Bonds bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Rappleyea, Thompson and White.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Greene, Hill, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

Subsequently, on motion of Ald. Slater, the vote was reconsidered and the resolution was adopted,by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Greene, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Davenport and Hill.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Smith.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, the name of John B. Hartford was ordered to be stricken from the roll of the watch department, he having been convicted of a criminal offence, and being now confined in jail as a punishment for said offence.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported corcorrect and ordered paid.

Of L. A. Pratt & Co. $19 75; P. N. Horsley, $7; Jersey City Gas Light Co., $10; James Flemming, $100; Wendel Green, $44 15; Patrick Leonard, $10 25; F. Porrett, $158 14; T. B. Kissam, $27 50; J. O'Connel, $11 53; B. W. Ryder, $10; Daily Telegraph, $61; Henderson & Wilson, $10; J Francisco, $19; and Hudson County Mutual Insurance Company, $3.

The following claims were presented, referred to the committee on streets, afterwards reported correct and then referred to committee on assessment.

Of James F. Fielder & Co. $3617 29; Bacot & Wood, $125; and W. P. Bagley, 57 50.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland the Board proceeded to the appointment of CHIEF OF DAY POLICE.

Ald. Cleveland nominated Hiram H. Fenn as a candidate for the office.

Ald. Green and Thompson were appointhd and acted as tellers.

A ballotting was had with the following result.

Hiram H. Fenn received ten votes.

John H. Low received one vote.

Whereupon HIRAM H. FENN was declared appointed CHIEF OF DAY POLICE.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Special Meeting at the City Clerk's Office, Friday November 10th 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., called by his Honor the Mayor at the request of Ald. Hill, White and Rappleyea, for the purpose of taking measures to repair the Fire Engine House in the Fourth Ward.

Present—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Greene, Low, Smith, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

The call of the meeting was read.

On motion af Ald Davenport it was

Resolved, That the subject of repairing the Fire Engine House in the Fourth Ward, be referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings, with instructions to request the Insurance Company, in which said House is insured, to put the House in as good condition as it was before the fire.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyra, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting November 21st 1854.

In the absence of the President the Board was called to order by the City Clerk at 7 1-2 P. M.

Present—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Low was absent at the calling of the roll but subsequently appeared and took his seat

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland and Smi h.

On motion of Ald. Edge, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President pro tempore.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Timothy Deegan for a remission of fines which have been imposed upon him for violation of ordinance regulating Inns and Taverns, and for a discontinuance of the remaining complaints against him for violating said ordinances. Laid upon the table.

Official bond of Hiram H. Fenn as CHIEF OF DAY POLICE. Approved and ordered filed.

Petition of C. Fink to have York street, between Henderson street and Jersey street, including all intersections, graded, etc. Referred to committee on streets.

Petition of John G. McLaughlin and C. Fink, in relation to the application to have York street, from Grove to Jersey street, graded, etc., asking that the improvement may be postponed, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Henry King, to have a lamp placed at the south west corner of Coles and South 3d streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of Thomas McGuire, for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Prayer of petitioner granted.

Petition of Patrick Corrigan, for a license to keep an inn and tavern. Laid upon the table.

Petition of City Watchmen, for an increase of pay. Ref. to committee on watch.

Petition of William McCarty, for a license to keep an inn and tavern. Laid upon the table.

Petition of J. Wilson and others, to have a license granted to William Mollett, to peddle fish fruit and vegetables. Prayer of petitioners granted.

Remonstrance of the N. J. Railroad and Transportation Co., against the assessments for regulating etc., Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer street, and for regulating etc. Prospect street, from Newark avenue to Bay street. Ref to committee on assessments.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. F. Fielder and Co., for $28 ;$15 50: $4727,-30; $53 80; $26 25; $5 12; $112 10; $21 8; and $28 50; of J. F. Fielder, for $15 12; $104 25; and $882 69; of Bacot & Wood. $150: $25; $75 and $40; of Daniel Keenan.$2102 40 and $579 54; William Moore, $11 25 and $7 50; Kissam. $53 57; John Hilladay $8 1: Patrick Lenard, $12 25: W. P. Bagley, $22 40: John Wallace. $70 50; and John C. Comell. $16 88. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of R. S. Gillman, $1. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of L. A. Pratt & Co., $34, and S. Quaife, $10.-- Ref. to committee on finance.

Of board of commissioners of estimate and assessment, $300; P. Rooney, $15; W. D. Stivers, 91 cts.; Dr Lutkins. $20; and J. H. Vondy. $50. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices, and elections.

Of Woolsey & Clark, $3 92; Ingham & Hall, $6; and P. N. Horsley, $3. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of Doyle & Brady, $1 50; and M. Sharp, $30. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of Wendell Green, $46 22. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of G. W. & C. Conkling, $2. Ref. to committee on sewers.

Of S. Quaife, $75. Ref. to committee on schools.

Of W. Eaton. $20; Isaac Wakefield, $10 87; and McGuigan & Nugent, $19 58. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of Thomas Blaney, $2; and McGuigan and Nugent, $7 16. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of Henderson & Howe. $3; Woolsey & Clark, $51 27; W. D. Stivers. $6 03; McGuigan & Nugent. $42 01; J. Wilson, $17 99; Capron & Deklyn. $24 50; A. P. Moriarty. $12; Reily & Doyle $7 38; Marshall & Morris, $57; F. Anness, $68 49; G. Wilson. $3; A. A. Rice, $38; W. J Stevens. $17 70; Daily Telegraph, $3; James Gilkenson. $8; and Jersey City Gas Light Co.. $11 81, and $2 84. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Claims of Ira Clark, and Isaac Van Saun, for $25 each, referred to the committee on assessments on the 7th inst., and returned by that committee and then referred to the committee on finance.

The following message from his honor the Mayor filed in the city clerk's office, this 21st inst., was presented, read, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council:

Resolved, That the city clerk be requested to purchase three copies of the revised statues of the State of New Jersey, and place one in the Mayor's office, one in the common council chamber, and one in the city clerk's office

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the resolution was amended by adding "and in addition thereto one for each of the members of the Common Council."

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Nov. 20, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Coucil :*

I have received, and return without my approval a resolution directing the City Clerk to purchase three of the revised statutes of New Jersey, and place one in the Mayor's office, one in the Common Chamber, and one in the City Clerk's office, and in addition thereto, purchase one for each member of the Common Council

It is made the duty of the Mayor, by the amended charter, to review every resolution passed by the Common Council, affecting the interests of the city, an either sanction or disapprove the same. I feel, therefore, fully justified in returning this resolution, apart from other objections, on the ground of the present embarrassed condition of the city *finances*. Although the expenditure proposed by the resolution is small, it is too large to be satisfied by an empty Treasury, and would only tend to add embarrassment to embarrassment. As guardians of the public interest, it is our duty to avoid every expenditure, great or small, until the treasury is replenished, and placed in paying condition, that the warrants which have been hawked about our streets for the past several months, and sold at ruinous discounts, may be redeemed, and all other obligations of the city promptly and honorably met. Then let us waive all minor considerations for this important object, and restore if possible our already fallen credit, that we may have the satisfaction of transmitting to our successors, the honor and credit of our city untarnished and unimpaired.

If I properly understand the meaning of the resolution before me, three of the copies are intended to be used for general reference, and to be placed in the public offices, while the other sixteen volumes are to enrich and adorn the private libraries of the respective members of your honorable body. While I am fully satisfied that our constituents would be unwilling to deprive us of any legal knowledge or information contained in said volumes, I am induced to believe that the interest of the city would be best promoted by confining ourselves a little longer to the study and reading of the charter, until that instrument shall be thoroughly understood and its plain provisions faithfully observed. The very resolution before me can only be carried into effect by directly violating one of its plain provisions. The charter declares that "no member of the common council shall be directly or indirectly interested in any business, or sale of any article, the price or consideration of which is paid from the city treasury.

I therefore return the resolution for reconsideration. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Slater moved "That the resolutions do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—None.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor enclosing a copy of the proceedings of a meeting of citizens held on the 20th inst., at the Dutch Church in Grand street, remonstrating against the granting of any licenses to sell ardent spirits. Laid upon the table.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing charges by the Captain of the watch against the Assistant Captain of that department. Ref. to committee on watch.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices:

"Application to have York street, from Grove st. to Jersey street graded, etc."

"Application to have South 6th street, between Erie street and Jersey avenue graded, etc."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of Montgomery street, from Henderson to Van Vorst street."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of South 8th. street, between Grove street and Newark avenue."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of South 1st street, between Grove and Erie streets."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of north side of Railroad avenue, between Jersey and Brunswick, or Gilbert, streets."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of Grand street, from Van Vorst street to Grove street inclusive:

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of South 4th street, between Grove and Erie streets."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of South Sixth street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of the side walk on the east side of Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer streets."

The reports were presented, received and ordered filed

A copy of the proceedings of a meeting of Hercules engine company No. 3, containing resolutions of sympathy for the decease of Joseph A. Alexander, and protesting against the removal of fire apparatus for the houses of the fire department for election purposes, were presented received, and ordered filed.

The Recorder's semi-annual report to November 1st, 1854, was presented, received, and ordered to be duplicated in the corporation paper.

A requisition was presented from the board of education, for payment of claim of Miss. Teuvirson, $3, and a warrant for the amount was ordered to be drawn in favor of the claimant.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the following elections, resignations, transfer, and expulsions:

By Hercules Engine Company No 3.

Election of Gilbert Adams.

Resignation of W. Gautier, George Murdow, E. Rich, H. Merseles and J. Gimbel.

Expulsion of W. Townsend, J. B. Taylor, J. Mulford, J. W. Westervelt, C. Hoagland and C. Conklin.

By Washington Engine Company No. 4.

Election of John Casey, Samuel Boyce, William Ewald, James A. Kemp, James Doyle, Michael Duffy, James McDermott, Daniel Dugan, Michael Travis, George W. Smith, John Hill, James Hart, Robert Duffy and George Dempsey.

Expulsion of Robert E. O'Hara, John R. Mackay, Edward Andrews, Michael Connor and Anthony Dobbing.

Resignation of John A. Topping.

By Americus Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

Election of Henry P. Robertson, Robert Grighitti, Henry Grighitti, Frederick Buttin, Wm. A. Crawford David G. Christie, Charles Bremer, George Doremus, George Brown and Edward H. Ridgeway.

Transfer of Timothy D. Witherel from Engine Co. No. 1.

By Hose Co. No. 2.

Election of Abraham Berry, John Lynn, John H. Haney, Schuyler D. Pulford, Wm. Ramsay, Henry M. Baker, John B. Davis, Oliver Duncan, John B. Davis, Oliver Duncan, James Narine Jr. and Samuel A. Brooks.

Resignations from Americus Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2. Peter Stilsing, Eli Jones, Charles Thomas, Thomas Martin, B. F. Tuthill, John Romans, Andw. Riddle, E. F. Crane, S. C. Lathrop, James S. Bishop, J. H. Smyth, Jonathan Taylor, D. E. O. Romans, S. P. Romans, J. Van Hise, Daniel B. Spinning, and Charles Jefferson Gilbert.

Expulsion of John Francisco from Americus Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

On motion of Ald. Edge it was

Resolved, That the elections be approved, the names enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership issued, that the transfer be approved, the proper entries of the resignations made, and the names of the expelled members stricken from the roll of the fire department.

The committee on streets reported that they had given out the contracts for the following street improvements to the persons named in the following resolution, and submitted said resolution.

Resolved, That contracts be entered into with Daniel Keenan for paving Van Vorst street, between Grand and Gregory streets, also for filling in, curbing, guttering, flagging, and paving South 5th street, between Erie street and Newark avenue; and with Messrs. Henderson and Wilson for filling, flagging, curbing, guttering etc. Mercer street, between Washington and Warren streets; and with Messrs. Bartle & Brother for filling, curbing, and laying the side walks in South 2nd st., between Prospect and Grove streets, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Thompson, from the committee on finance, presented declarations of sale to purchasers at tax sale of August 7th, and assessment sales of August 11th, August 26th and September 29th, 1854, and presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the declarations of sale to purchasers of property bought by them at the corporation sales of August 7th, 1854, for taxes of 1853, and of August 11th, August 26th and September 29th, 1854, from assessments be executed by his honor the Mayor, and that the seal of the city be affixed thereto by the city clerk.

The resolution was adopted.

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows: By Ald. Greene.

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of Wm. Connolly, one for five hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy-five cents, and one for two hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents, being for the amount due him on his second payment on his contract for building school house in the fourth ward.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, *White* and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald Cleveand, Low, and Smith.

By Ald Greene. Resolved, That two warrants be drawn on the city Treasurer in favor of J. E. Johnson, one for one hundred and fifty dollars, and one for two hundred dollars, being the amount due him on his second payment on his contract for building a school house in the Fourth ward.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, *White* and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Low, and Smith

Resolved, That two per cent be added for collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating South 4th street from Grove street to Erie street, and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating South 1st street, from Grove street to Erie street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low, and Smith.

Resolved, That two per cent be added for collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating South Sixth street from Jersey Avenue to Newark Avenue, and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating Montgomery street from Henderson street to Van Vorst street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That two per cent be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating South 8th street from Grove street to Newark avenue, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ardered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill. Keeney' Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, Ald Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That one and one half per cent be added for collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for regulating Grand street, from Van Vors street to Grove street inclusive—and that said Assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene. Hill, Keenev. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating the north side of Railroad avenue, from Jersey street to Brunswick street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport. Edge. Gardner. Greene. Hill, Keeney. Rappleyea Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor ot Bacot & Wood, for one hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment map for regulating South 8th street, from Grove street to Newark avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requesten to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport. Edge, Gardner, Greene. Hill. Keeney. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved. That an improvement certificate be issued. under the direction of the committee on Finance. in favor of T. B. Kissam, for eighty two dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South 8th street, from Grove st. to Newark Avenue, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same. and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport. Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill. Keeney. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certigcates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance. in fovor of John Arbuckle for fifteen hundred and forty-three dollars sixty cents being the amount of his bill for regulating South Eight street faom Grove street to Newark avenue. and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport. Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill. Keeney. Roppleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Low, and Smith.

Resolved. That an improvemens certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Corrigan & Wallace, for three thousand and fifty dollars and six cents, being the amount of their bill for regulating South 8th street, from Grove street to Newark avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill. Keeney. Rappleyea. Slater. Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. Moore for ten dollars, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating South 8th street, from Grove st. to Newark Avenue, and that His Honor the Mayor be requssted to sign the same. and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge. Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Smith Mead, for six dollars and eighty-eight cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating South 8th street from Grove street to Newark avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same. and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport. Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificate be issued under the the directions of the committee on finance. in favor of John Arbuckle, for twenty-three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and eighty five cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating South 6th street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same. and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport and Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill. Keeney. Rappleyea, Slater, thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates, be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Carrigan & Wallace for seven hundred and twelve dollars and forty-nine cents, being the amount of their bill for regulating South 6th street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge. Gardner, Greene, Hill. Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood, for one hundred dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment map, for regulating South 6th street, from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell. White and Whitlock

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance. in favor of Wm. Moore for thirty five dollars, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating South sixth street. from Jersey avenue to Newark avenue, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Jas. F. Fielder, for fourteen hundred and ninety-four dollars and nine cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating Montgomery street, from Henderson street to Van Vorst street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committe on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood for fifty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment map for regulating Montgomery street, from Henderson, st., to Van Vorst street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene. Hill. Keeney. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. Moore, for eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating Montgomery st. from Henderson st. to Van Vorst st., and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder, for thirteen hundred and three dollars and sixty-nine cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating South 1st street. from Grove street to Erie street and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—Ald. Davenport. Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood, for fifty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment map for regulating South 1st street, from Grove street to Erie street, and that honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Thompson.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. S. Bayley, for two dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South 1st. street, from Grove st., to Erie street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Alexander Wilson, for twelve hundred and seventy-six dollars and one cent, as follows, one for $331 70, one for $597 12, one for $311 85, one for $35 34, being the amount of his bill for regulating South 4th street, from Grove street to Erie street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Smith Mead for fifty seven dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating South 4th street, from Grove st., to Erie st., and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood for fifty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating South 4th street from Grove street to Erie street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be requested to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Jas. F. Fielder, for twenty-four hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty-two cents, being the balance of his bill for regulating Grand street, from Van Vorst street to Grove street, inclusive, and that his honor the Mayor be requesten to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood, for two hundred dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment map for regulating Grand st. from Van Vorst st. to Grove street inclusive, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Present—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell White and Whitlock.

Nays-- None.

*A*bsent-- The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. Moore for seventy eight dollars and seventy-five cents being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Grand street from Van Vorst street to Grove street inclusive, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Jas. F. Fielder, for eleven hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-nine cents, being the balance of his bill for regulating north side of Railroad avenue, from Jersey street to Brunswick street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood for one hundred dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment map for regulating the north side of Railroad avenue, from Jersey street to Brunswick street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—-Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock,

Nays—-None.

Absent—-The President and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. Moore for sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of the north side of Railroad avenue between Jersey street and Brunswick street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—-Ald Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—-None.

Absent—-The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Low and Smith.

The committee on watch, to whom was referred on the 7th instant the communication of his honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension of John A. Topping, a city watchman, reported that as he had been sufficiently punished, they recommend his reinstatement. Report received and recommendation adopted.

(Ald. Low appeared and took his seat.)

Ald. Tyrrell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on watch be, and they are hereby authorized to procure beds and bedding for the watch house, at an expense not exceeding fifty dollars.

The resolution was adopted.

The resignation of John Ayres, as a city watchman, was presented, received, and ordered filed.

The committee on public grounds and buildings returned the claim of Daily Telegraph, $18; referred to them on the 7th inst., and it was then referred to the committee on fire and water

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on the 7th instant with power, the petition of the New York and Washington Magnetic Telegraph Company for permission to change the location of their telegraph posts, reported that the change has been made under the direction of the said committee. report received.

The following claims were presented referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Luther A. Pratt & Co. $6 50, and $2 62; S. H Many, $47 92; R. B. Earle & Co. $130 65, and $49 57; S. Quaife, $10; Jasper Wandle, $31 25, and $31 25.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, was reported correct and ordered paid.

Of A. S. Barnes & Co. $8 43; R. S Gillman, $3 50; James F. Fielder, $4 13; James F. Fielder & Co. $131 85, and $191 18; William Moore, $5 63, and $6 87; W. Pitcher, $16; Hiram Gilbert, $6 25, D. Bedford, $25; John L. Burst & Co. $20 99; G' E. Cutter, $9 50; W. Whitley, $16 47; James Knight, $15; Lorenzo Jones, $20; E. Hope Junior $11 50: M. Sharp, $25 12; A. R. Merlett, $77 07' John Crummy, $37; Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co. $37 32.

Hugh McComb, $55, and Morrell & Vanderbeck, $39 94.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, claim No. 1440, of P. C. Dummer, for $75, was taken from the table and ordered paid.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of Ætna Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., for $45 50, for premium on policy of insurance on public school house No. 1.

A report from the special committee on granting licenses to inns and taverns, signed by Ald. Thompson, Hill and Keeney, was presented, received, and laid upon the table, recommending the granting of licenses to the following named persons, viz:—John Wanner, M. & C. W. Bean, Mrs. Potter Browning, Wm. Moore, P. Martin, and Rainey & McCarty.

A report signed by Ald. Slater, of the same committee, was presented, received, and laid upon the table, setting forth that in his opinion the granting of licenses to keep inns and taverns will not conduce to the public good, and recommending that the applicants for such licenses be not granted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the special committee of nine were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Ald. Slater moved "That in the opinion of the Board it is inexpedient to grant any further licenses to keep Inns and Taverns during the present Corporation year." The motion was rejected.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, the resolntion passed on the 4th October last, ordering bonds to be issued in favor of the Hudson County Bank, was rescinded.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Finance Gommittee be and are hereby authorized to borrow $3,000 for 30 days in anticipation of the taxes of 1854; and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to issue bonds for the same bearing interest at and after the rate of 7 per cent.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered:

Yeas—-Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White, and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—-The President, Cleveland, Smith.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a lamp be placed on the south east of South 3rd street and Monmouth street, under the direction of the committee on lamps.

The resolution was not adopted.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant any further licenses to keep an inn or tavern during the current year, The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald, Slater, Edge and Gardner:

Yeas—Ald. Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Keeney, Slater and White.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Hill, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Absent—-The President, Ald Cleveland and Smith.

On motion of Ald. Edge the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting, December 5, 1854.

Present—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Communication from J. B. Stone in reference to the building of the public school house in the Fourth ward. Laid on the table, afterwards taken up and referred to a special committee of four, consisting of Ald. Davenport, Cleveland, White and Keeney.

Petition of N. Y. and Erie Railroad Company for the privelege of extending a track across Hudson st. from the north east corner of the block on to the pier fronting the same, etc. Referred to Com. on Streets with power.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Weekly News, $3 50; John Ward, $6; T. D. Jordan, $12; Woolsey & Clark, $7 14; Thomas Newham, $31 50; George Philips, $5 50; Clough & Greene, $3 40; Nathaniel Turner, $2; George Moore, $6 50; W. H. Frazee, $9; J. D. L. Walton, $8 94; C. M. Holmes, $10 87; G. A. Tittle, $3 50; and Hutton & Lacy, $12 25. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of S. Billington, $1 25; L. Audenreid & Co., $454 53; W. Whitley, $170; W. Whitley, $21 30; D. B. Wakeman, $28 58; S. Billington, $3; and E. Hope junior, $17. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of Charles M. Holmes, $3 25. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of William Bumstead, $173 20. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of A. Van Riper, $3 50. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of W. Bagley, $57 50; and Wm. Moore, $33 75 Ref. to committee on streets, afterwards reported correct and then referred to committee on assessments.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing a certiorari served on him, touching the ordinance regulating inns and taverns, wherein Francis Boyle is prosecutor. Ref. to city attorney.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing charges by Peter N. Horsley, Pound Keeper of the Third Ward, against John Francisco, Pound Keeper of the Fourth Ward, of presenting false bills to the Common Council.

Ref. to a special committee, consisting of Ald. Tyrrell Rappleyea and Slater.

A communication was presented from his Honor the Mayor, enclosing charges of misconduct, and neglect of duty against the Captain of the Watch, by the Assistant Captain of that Department. Ref. to the committee on watch.

A communication was presented from the Recorder stating that a suit has been brought against him in the Supreme Court of New Jersey by Hiram Rathbone, in relation to the ordinance regulating inns and taverns.

Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances, and subsequently a report was presented by that committee, recommending that the City Attorney be instructed to take charge of the suit referred to, and all others of a similar character, and defend the Recorder at the expense of the city under the direction of the committee on laws and ordinances; which report was received and its recommendation adopted.

Communications were presented from the chief of the fire department, announcing the following elections, resignations, and expulsions in that department:

Election of Isaac R. Fithian and Charles B. Sleight by Hercules Engine Co. No. 3.

Election of William Bassett, Reuben J. Van Horn, Frederick Jackman, James Woods, Frederick T. Funners, Joseph B. Eltringham, Isaac S. Miller, Jacob E. Brown, P. W. Johnson, Stephen H Smith and Moses Hessdoffer, by Hudson Hose Co. No. 1.

Election of Christian Hoh, Philip Eigle, and Theodore Frank, by Passaic Hose Co. No. 4.

Resignation of J. V. Brower from Protection Engine Co. No. 5.

Resigation of James Wakefield, Richard Wood, Joseph Conk, Joseph Losey, Edward Bartine, John Hanam, Stephen Jaquins, Owen Warren and Oliver Duncan, from Hudson Hose Co. No. 1.

Expulsion of Michael Rudahan, John H. Cadugan, T. F. Morris, Alexander Given, James N. Clarkson, James H. Corwin, Alexander Reed, James Givens, John Masseker, Frederick S. Colby, James Morris and Hiram Meeker, by Hudson Hose Co. No. 1.

Expulsion of Thomas McHale, Peter Levins, and J. Conroy, by Hercules Engine Co. No. 3.

On motion of Ald. Edge, it was

Resolved, That the elections be approved, the names enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership be issued; the names of the persons expelled be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department, and the proper entries of the resignations be made.

The committee on laws and ordinances presented the written opinion of William L. Dayton, Esq., in answer to questions put to him relative to the powers of the city on the subject of inns and taverns, and verbally reported that they have retained him on behalf of the city, in the suit before the Supreme Court, and presented a claim for $125, for a retainer, for Mr. Dayton, and for his opinion, and their expenses, and the Recorder's, to Trenton, certified by said committee as correct. The opinion was ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office, and the claim ordered paid.

The committee on streets, to whom were referred on the 11th October last, the communication of the board of commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost of regulating York street, between Warren and Henderson streets, and the claims for said work, presented a report recommending that said Board be instructed to report the assessment map of the street, as it is now received from the contractor. Received and referred to committee on assessments, with the accompanying bills.

The committee on assessments, to whom was referred on the 21st ultimo, the remonstrances of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, against the assessment for regulating etc. Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer streets, and for regulating etc. Prospect street, from Newark avenue to Bay street, etc., presented a report setting forth that no sufficient objections have been presented against said assessments and recommending that the same be confirmed. Report accepted and committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The committee on lamps to whom was referred on the 21st ultimo, the petition of Henry King to have a lamp placed at the south west corner of Coles and South Third streets, presented a report recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Report received and adopted.

The committee on lamps to whom was referred on the 17th October last the petition of Joseph Sanborn and others to have lamps placed on the corners of South Fifth street and Coles, Monmouth, and Brunswick streets, presented a report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Report received and adopted.

The committee on streets to whom was referred on the 7th ultimo the claim of James F. Fielder for $110 04 ; work and materials furnished on intersection of Grand and Grove streets, reported that a bill for the same work has been presented, audited, and assessed and improvement certificates issued for it. Report accepted.

The committee on streets reported as correct the following claims referred to them on the 7th and 21st November last, and they were then referred to the committee on assessments.

Of James F. Fielder & Co. $15 50 ; $28 ; $4727 30 ; $58 80 ; $5 12 ; $224 07 : James F. Fielder. $882 69 ; $104 25 ; $51 96 ; $4994 93 ; $94 95 ; Bacot & Wood, $150 ; $75 ; $200 ; $40 · $25 ; Daniel Keenan, $2102 40 : $579 54 ; Wm. Moore $58 12 and $11 25 ; and W. G. Bayley, $22 50.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid :

Of City Watchmen, $679 97 ; Sunday Policemen, $32 ; Special Policemen, on the 7th November last, 15 50 ; Robert Ewing, $1 50 : J. F. Richardson, $15 69 ; J. F. Richardson. $8 ; J. F.Richardson, $8 87; S. A. French, $87 50 ; Edgar Morris, $50 ; Mynard Sharp, $10 87 ; C. M. Holmes. $20 63 ; Nathaniel Ellis, $37 99 ; Wm. Eaton. $20 50 ; Hugh Billingsly, $46 ; J. F. Richardson, $6 50 ; A. O. Zabriskie. $50 ; D. S. Gregory, $210 ; H. A. Miller & Co., $142 46 ; J. F. Richardson, $31 50 ; C. M. Holmes. $38 ; Patrick Scallan, $2 50, and C. M. Holmes, $50.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid :

Of Hendrickson & Hoover, $3 ; Reily & Doyle, $7 38 ; Wm. J. Stevens, $17 70 ; G. Wilson, $3 ; J. Wilson, $17 99 ; James Gilkenson, $8 ; Daily Telegraph, $3 ; A. A. Rice, $38 ; Doyle & Brady, $1 50 ; M. Sharp, $30 ; Ira Clark, $25 ; Isaac Van Saun. $25 ; L. A. Pratt & Co., $34 ; P. N. Horsley, $2 ; P. C. Dummer, $14 79 ; Lewis Colby, $50 ; W. D. Stivers, 91 cents ; Michael McDonell, 50 cents : McGuigan and Nugent, $7 16 ; P. Rooney, $5 ; S. Quaife; $10 ; Patrick Loonan, $12 25 ; Isaac Wakefield, $10 87 ; Wendel Greene, $46 22 : S. Quaife, $75 ; J. F. Richardson, $30 ; Wm. Eaton, $20 50 ; McGuigan & Nugent, $19 58 ; H. Billingsley. $24 ; Wm. Eaton, $20 50 ; R. S. Gillman, $1 ; P. N. Horsley. $3 ; Woolsey & Clark, $3 92 ; Ingham & Hall, $6 ; G. W. & C. Conkling, $2 ; John Good. $2 50 ; W.D. Stivers, $6 03; J. F. Fielder & Co., $115 10 ; Corrigan & Wallace, $43 51 ; F. Anness, $68 59 ; Capron & De Klyn, $24 50 ; Woolsey & Clark, $51 27 ; J. F. Fielder & Co., $26 25 ; James F. Fielder. $44 25 ; J. Shilliday. $8 01 ; Wm. Moore, $7 50 ; T. B. Kissam, $53 57 ; John O'Connell, $16 88 ; John Wallace, senior, $70 50; J F Fielder, $28 50 ; A. P. Moriarty, $12 ; McGuigan & Nugent, $42 01 ; Marshall & Morris, $57, and Jersey City Gas Light Company. $11 81 and $2 84.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of William Roosevelt. for six hundred dollars, for building hook and ladder and hose carriage house.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of R. R. Rappleyea, twenty two dollars and twenty-three cents, for amount paid by him to Darius C. Newell, for materials furnished for Van Vorst square, and that said amount be charged against the contract for fencing said square

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows :

By Ald Greene—Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of T. C. Johnson. for three hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount due him on his third payment for building school house in the Fourth Ward.

The resolution was adopted.

By Ald. Greene—Resolved, That two warrants be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of Wm. Connolly. one for five hundred dollars and one for three hundred dollars, being the amount due him on his third payment on contract for building school house in the fourth ward.

The resolution was adopted.

By Ald. Greene—Whereas, the joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings find it difficult to proceed with the Fourth Ward schoolhouse, for the want of funds to advance to the contractors ; therefore, they ask that a thousand dollars may be placed in their hands to advance to the contractors as the work proceeds, said amount to be deducted from their last payment ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer for one thousand dollars in favor of joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings, to be expended on the Fourth Ward schoolhouse, said amount to be deducted from last payment when due to contractors on said school house.

The preamble and resolution were adopted.

By Ald. Slater—Resolved, That a special committee of four (one from each ward) be appointed to prepare amendments, or a supplement to the City Charter, and report the same to a subsequent meeting of the common council.

The resolution was adopted, and Ald. Slater, Davenport, Keeney and Hill, were appointed such committee

By Ald. Davenport—Resolved, That three per cent be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for the regulating of the side walk on the east side of Hudson street, between Wayne and Mercer street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

By Ald. Davenport—Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Hugh Keenan for five hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-five cts., being the amount of his bill for regulating sidewalk east side Hudson street, between Wayne street and Mercer street, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

By Ald. Davenport—Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood for twenty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment map for regulating side walk east side Hudson st., between Wayne st., and Mercer street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

By Ald. Tyrrell—Resolved, that the salary of the board of water commissioners etc., this current year, be three thousand dollars.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

By Ald. Whitlock—Whereas, a large number of our citizens have been fined large amounts for violating the city ordinance, for selling liquor without license, and being desirous of knowing the amount, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to review the amount of those fines and costs, and compare the amount with the city books at the Recorder's office.

The preamble and resolution were not adopted.

By Ald. White—Resolved, That Erastus Randall, John V. Brower and Stephen Quaife, be appointed commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost of building a sewer in Essex street, from the Hudson river to Van Vorst street, in place of the commissioners already appointed who have not qualified.

The resolution was adopted.

By Ald. Hill—Resolved, That the city treasurer be, and is hereby, directed to pay to the order of the water commissioners, the surface tax assessed and collected by the common council, on or before the 20th inst.

The resolution was adopted.

By Ald. Thompson—Resolved, That an appropriation of $100 be made to Daniel E. Gavitt, for services rendered in getting up a full and complete Directory for Jersey City. The resolution was not adopted.

By Ald. Edge—Resolved, That the joint committee on public grounds and buildings, and fire and water, are hereby authorized to make such change in the arrangement of the rooms in the Hook and Ladder and Hose Carriage House in Grand street as they may deem suitable and expedient, provided such change be made at an expense not to exceed fifty dollars. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Thomoson moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted. The motion to reconsider was not adopted.

By Ald. Thompson—Resolved, That the city treasurer be instructed to allow Minot Van Horn interest from the 1st day of December, 1854, on his bond of $1,000 at, and after the rate of 7 per cent instead of 6 per cent, at which rate the bond was drawn.

And also, that from the same date the same 7 per cent interest be allowed to Garrett Van Horn on his bond of $500.

The above bonds are past due, and if this rate of interest is not allowed, payment will be demanded immediately.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low and Smith.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Special Meeting at the City Clerk's office Monday December 18, 1854, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Present—All the members of the Board.

The City Clerk laid before the Board, and read the following communication from his Honor the Mayor:

GEO W. CASSEDY ESQ.,
*City Clerk.*

You will please notify the respective members of the Common Council that there will be a Special meeting of that Body, held at your office, at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to consider the object set forth in the annexed communication.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Jersey City Dec. 18th, 1854.

MAYORS OFFICE,
Jersey City Dec. 18, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

You have been convened this day, for the purpose of announcing to you officially, that one of the members of your Honorable Body is no more. On Saturday the 16th inst., at about half past eleven o'clock A. M., at his residence No. 3 Sussex place, Alderman Timothy L. Smith breathed his last.

Ald. Smith was elected on the eleventh day of July last, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas W. James Esq., and for the brief period he was permitted to hold a seat in the council of our city, he discharged his public duties faithfully, and promised to make one of its most useful members,—he has however, been stricken down at his post in the midst of life and usefulness, and I believe for the first time since the organization of our city government, the messenger of death has visited our city council, and bid one of us "come away."

The funeral will take place at his late residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon which you are respectfully invited to attend. It remains for you to suggest what honors shall be paid to his memory, and what tribute of respect shall be best fitting this melancholy occasion.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Common Council has received with deep sensibility, the message from the Mayor announcing the death of Ald. Timothy L. Smith, and that said message be entered on the minutes and filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Resolved, That in token of respect for the memory of the deceased the Common Council will attend the funeral at the hour appointed, and will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be communicated to the family of the deceased by the City Clerk, and published in the city papers.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Common Council do now adjourn.

**GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.**

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, December. 19, 1854.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Hill, Greene, Keeney, Low. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Ald. Davenport was absent at the calling of the roll. but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Gardner.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Invitation from President of the Millstone and New Brunswick railroad company to attend the celebration on the 20th inst., of the opening of that road. Received and accepted.

Petition of Edward Gough to have a lamp placed on the easterly side of Provost street, between North First and North Second streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of "Jersey City Young Men's Association" to have a lamp placed on the south east corner of Gregory and Henderson streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

[Ald. Davenport appeared and took his seat ]

Petition of John Smith and others, asking that the Recorder be directed to furnish the Common Council with a correct copy from his docket of the names of the parties fined for violation of the ordinance regulating inns and taverns, etc.

Ald. Low moved "that the petition be referred to a special committee of three."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Slater, Hill and Low.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald. Slater.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Gardner.

Ald. Low, Hill and Thompson were appointed such committee.

Petition of Owen O'Rourke for an Auctioneer's license, accompanied by a bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in case he should receive such appointment. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Petition of George C. Perry to be appointed an Auctioneer. Prayer of petitioner granted.

Petition of Francis King for a lease ot lots Nos. 7 and 8 in Block 149, bought by him at the corporation sale for taxes, held on the 20th May 1853, accompanied by the Declaration of sale. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of Henry King, for a lease of lot No. 6, on Block 149, fronting on Grove street, bought by him on the 20th May 1852, at the corporation sale for taxes, accompanied by the Declaration of sale.—Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Communication of A. O. Zabriskie Esq., stating that the suit in Chancery relative to the Poor House Farm has been decided against the city. enclosing a copy of the decree made by the Chancellor, and the taxed bill of costs amounting to seventy five dollars and thirty-two cents. Received and a warrant for the amount of the costs ($75 32) ordered to be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. O. Zabriskie.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Davis & Culver, $5 00, and John V. Metlar, $12 38. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of "Regulation of Grand street. from Van Vorst street to Greene street, inclusive," $2,348 82, and $84 24. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of David Bedford, $5 00. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of B. R. Wakeman, $2 63. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of William Moore, $7 25. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of Ingham & Hall, $8 15; R. A. Randall, $22 00; A A. Rice. $35 00; Marshall & Morris, $50 82; Henry Stiff, $10 00; Stevens & Greville, $3 00; Overbaugh & Randall, 56 cents; Alexander Wines, $1062 03; James Knight, $21, and W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $52 03. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Requisition from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims were presented, and warrants for the amounts were ordered to be drawn in favor of the parties respectively named.

Ingham & Hall, $28 08; M. Shary, $25; D. Easton, $5 50; W.Mitchell, $2 82; Laurence & King. $16; F. Harter, $10; M. Pierson, $0 75; Marshall & Morris, $17 87; James B. Dunn, $5 23; D. Gould. $105 50; S R. Tyrrell, $31 25, C. Shepherd & Co. $25 18, $27 55, $61 46, $25 03 and $1 88.

The following message from his honor the Mayor filed in the city clerk's office this day, was presented read, and ordered to be entered at larg on the journal of the proceedings of the common council:

Whereas the joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings find it difficult to proceed with the Fourth Ward school-house, for the want of funds to advance to the contractors; therefore. they ask that a thousand dollars may be placed in their hands to advance to the contractors as the work proceeds, said amount to be deducted from their last payment; therefore, be it.

Resolved. That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer for one thousand dollars in favor of joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings, to be expended on the Fourth Ward school house, said amount to be deducted from last payment when due to contractors on said school house

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Dec. 19, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return without my approval a resolution authorizing a warrant to be drawn on the city treasurer for one thousand dollars in favor of the joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings to be expended on the Fourth Ward school house, and the amount to be deducted from the last payment due to the contractors.

It is but recently I returned with my objections a similar resolution, at which time, I discussed the subject at some length showing as I supposed clearly the impropriety of appropriating money to committees, to be by them expended, as well as the charter objections to it. It can not be necessary to reiterate in detail the reasons I gave for returning that resolution. It is enough to state that they were sustained by your Honorable body, and the same objection raised to that resolution will apply with equal force to this.

There is another fatal objection to the resolution. It directs that the money shall be expended by the joint committee on the Fourth ward school house, and the amount deducted from the last payment due the contractors. The city has entered into contracts with Messrs. Connolly & Johnson to erect a school house in the Fourth ward and the respective contractors have given satisfactory security for the faithful execution of the work according to the terms of the contract—and if this resolution should be carried into effect it would vitiate the contracts by changing their terms, and thereby release the securities of both the contractors, besides the money can not be expended by the committees without a direct violation of the charter. It is really surprising to me that your Honorable body would be willing to infringe either on the contracts or charter, in the case before us, while the securities for the contractors manifest little or no concern about the matter, had they desired this change in the contracts it would not have been surprising because they are deeply interested in the matter, and are bound to insure the proper completion of the work. If the contractors and their sureties desire to alter the terms of payments, and it will not prejudice the interest of city, new contracts can be entered into, and the old ones cancelled.

I therefore return the resolution for your further deliberation and action.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the preamble and resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock,

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Low, Thompson and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Gardner.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor filed in the City Clerk's office this day, was presented, read and ordered to be entered at large on the Journal of Proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the salary of the board of water commissioners, etc., this current year, be three thousand dollars.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City. Dec. 19, 1854.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

The resolution adopted by your honorable body on the 5th inst, and duly presented to me on the 11th of this month, fixing the pay or salary of board of the water commissioners at three thousand dollars for the current year, is herewith returned without my sanction:

As it is made my duty to approve or disapprove every resolution affecting the interests of the city, passed by the Common Council, I feel that under the present embarrassing aspect of the financial concerns of the city, I would be unfaithful to the trust confided to me, to approve a resolution setting apart so large an amount, to be received by the water commissioners for their services.

It may not be inappropriate to state in this connection, that the commissioners have been compelled, in order to meet the interest on the "water scrip" which falls due on the first of next month, salaries, and other liabilities, to order the issue of fifty thousand dollars additional "water scrip," which will increase the water debt to seven hundred thousand dollars. This scrip can not be negotiated at par, under the present deranged condition of the money market, and therefore apart of the amount, will have to be sold at a loss, or hypothecated, to raise the means, to meet immediate and pressing engagements. Under these circumstances, then, with almost every branch of business paralized—with a deranged and stringent money market—with impending bankruptcy on every side, corporations and individuals yielding daily to the pressure,—it should admonish us to be economical and judicious in all our expenditure, to guard well the public interests, and we should be willing to forego all selfish and private considerations to save and protect the integrity and credit of the city.

It must be familiar to some of the members of your honorable body, that when the salary of the water commissioners was first fixed, it was freely discussed and distinctly understood by the Common Council, that John D. Ward, Esq., the President, was to receive the greater part of it, and whose whole time when required was to be devoted to the management and superintendence of the construction of the important work His acknowledged ability, scientific skill, and familiarity with the construction and operation of similar works, rendered it necessary that his valuable services should be constantly employed during the construction of the work; and it was further understood, that when the water was introduced into the city, the salary of the commissioners was to cease, or be reduced to a nominal one; all this I believe was conceded by his then associates in the water board, who were all gentlemen of acknowledged character and worth. It may be urged that the works are not yet completed; true, they never will be completed so long as the city grows and continues to extend her borders.

The duties of the commissioners as I understand them now, is merely to direct and control the finances, and decide and direct as to the best mode of extending the works and completing unfinished work. They have their chief engineer to superintend the construction of these works, under a salary, with a number of employees under him to do the work. The duties of the commissioners are very similar to those of the Common Council, and so long as the Mayor and Common Council discharge their duties cheerfully without compensation, I can not see the propriety of awarding a large salary to the commissioners.

I am happy to be enabled to accord to the present board of commissioners great credit for the untiring and energetic manner they have discharged their public duties, and would suggest that they be paid an amount equal to, say five dollars each per day, for two or three days for each month, which I deem to be sufficient time to perform all the legislation required of that board.

There is another objection, however, to this mode of paying the commissioners. Two of the commissioners are members of your honorable body, and could not according to the charter vote themselves a salary. The 71st section of charter says, "That the

Common Council shall have power to fix the salary, pay, or compensation of all officers, both elected and appointed, except the aldermen." So this clearly precludes the two members from the salary, and if they cannot accept it, then I am of opinion the others should be placed on the same footing in reference to salary as the Mayor and Common Council.

The 41st section of the charter also fully corroborates the one above quoted. and reads as follows :—"That no member of the Common Council shall, during the period for which he was elected. be appointed to, or competent to hold, any office. the emoluments of which are paid from the City Treasury."

For the above reasons briefly set forth, I return the resolution for your further deliberation.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Rappleyea moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald Davenport, Low,Thompson and White

Absent—Ald Edge and Gardner.

The city clerk presented two papers signed by Constables Farley and Davis, respectively, stating that they levy on the claims and warrants of James B. Dunn, and an order signed by James B. Dunn directing the delivery to S. R. Tyrrell of J. B.Dunn's warrants. Ref. to City Attorney with instructions to give his written opinion to the city clerk, as to whom he must deliver the said warrants, and directing the city clerk to be governed by the directions contained in such opinion.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of application to have York street between Henderson street and Jersey street, including all intersections graded, paved, curbed, etc., and all culverts, or receiving basins constructed where necessary.

Received and orded filed.

The city treasurer's report for November, 1854, was presented, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st inst , of $3080 25, subject to draft for improvement certificates and redemption of lots.

Ref. to committee on finance.

Communications from the chief engineer of the fire department, were presented, announcing the election of Lewis Thielmam and F. Newcombe as members of Diligent Hose company No. 3. and the expulsion of Joseph B. Eltringham and William Knapp, by the same company.

Communication received and ordered filed, the elections approved, the names ordered to be enrolled, the usual certificates of membership to be issued, and the names of the expelled members to be stricken from the roll of the fire department.

The SpecialCommittee on communication of Joseph B. Stone, referred to them on the 5th inst., presented a report setting forth that the charges contained in said communication are "without foundation and not sustained," that "Ald. Greene and Slater are entitled to the thanks of the Common Council for the faithful discharge of the arduous duties imposed upon them," and recommending that the inside walls of the Fourth ward school house be furred, lathed, and plastered, which extra expense the contractor should pay.

On motion of Ald Low it was,

Resolved, That the report be received, its recommendation adopted, and the committee discharged.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by the committee on streets, and laid upon the table, viz : "An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, and laying side walks and cross walks at all the intersections where required in York street, from the center of Henderson-st. to the center of Jersey street.

A communication to the Board of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, from Charles F. Durant was presented, stating that he withdraws his objections to the confirmation of the assessment for York street. The communication was received and ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office.

Ald Davenport from the committee on assessments presented the assessments named in the following resolutions, and the same were ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office, and then offered the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation papers, that the assessor's report and map for regulating of York street from Warren st., to Henderson street is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the First Tuesday in January 1855 at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessor's report and map for filling sunken lots between Railroad avenue, Prospect and Morgan streets and Morgan, Prospect and Bay streets, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the first Tuesday in January, 1855. at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation papers, that the assessor's report and map for regulating of South-second street, from Grove st., to Coles street is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the First Tuesday in January 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice, through the corporation paper, that the assessor's report and map for regulating Henderson street, from Newark avenue to Grand street, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the first Tuesday in January, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in wrting.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessor's report and map for regulating South Fourth street, from Erie street to Coles street is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the first Tuesday in January 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

The committee on assessments returned claims 3049 and 3052, of James F. Fielder, $15 12; and James F. Fielder & Co., $15 50; referred to them on the 5th inst., and stated that said claims are contained in former bills which have been assessed. The claims were ordered to be cancelled in the claim book

Ald. Low offered the following resolution.

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to call a meeting of the citizens of Jersey City, to devise means for the alleviation of the distress now existing among our suffering poor. The resolution was adopted

Ald. Keeney offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the pay or compensation of the water commissioners for this current year be three thousand dollars. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. White, the vote was reconsidered by which commissioners were appointed on the 5th inst., to assess the cost of building a sewer in Essex street, and the resolution appointing said commissioners, were laid upon the table, on motion of Ald. White.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, it was Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the City Clerk's office on Friday next, the 22d inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Ald. Low, William Moore's application for a license to keep an inn and tavern was taken up for consideration.

Ald. Low moved "That the license be granted."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Slater and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge and Gardner.

On motion of Ald. Whitlock the application of Rainey & McCarty for tavern license was taken up for consideration.

Ald Whitlock moved "That the license be granted."

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Slater and White.

Absent—Ald Edge and Gardner.

On motion of Ald Low, John J. Wanner's application for a tavern license was taken up for consideration.

Ald Low moved "That the license be granted."

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered:

Yeas—Ald Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—The President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Slater and White.

Absent—Ald Edge and Gardner.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of B. R. Wakeman, $20 56; B. R. Wakeman, $3 38; B. R. Wakeman, $7 50; Alexander Love, $625; A. C. Dennis, $8 50; Isaac Wakefield, $19 70; P. McGeehane, $14 61; Edward Gough, $6; Alexander Love, $3; Perrine & Chilver, $68 41; E. Randall & Co., $14 66; Wm. Whitley, $29 35; B. R. Wakeman, $18 63; Samuel Anness, $53 15; W. Whitley, $29 73; A. Hagan, $13; Kemp & Ward, $39 55; E. Randall & Co., $106 21; J. H. Smyth, $15 94; and S. Billington, $3.

The following claims referred to committees at previons meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Wm. Bumstead, $173 20; J. H. Vondy, $50; S. A. French, $87 50; C. M. Holmes, $3 25; James E. L. Walton, $8 94; T. J. Gordan, $12; Weekly News, $3 50; George Philips, $5 50; John Ward $6; Woolsey & Clark, $7 14; Nathaniel Turner, 2;, W. H. Frazee, $9; Thomas Newham, $31 50; Clough & Greene, $3 40; S. Billington, $1 25; D. B. Wakeman, $28 58; Wm. Whitley, $170; Edward Hope Jr., $17; Commissioners of Assessments, $300; J. F. Fielder & Co., $5 12; L. Andenreid & Co., $454 53; Wm. Whitley, $21 30; and S. Billington, $2.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, all the applications tor tavern licenses, now before the Common Council were taken up, and

On motion of Ald. Hill, the subject of granting licenses to keep inns and taverns was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the Board to appoint *viva voce* two city watchmen to fill vacancies; and on motion of the same alderman, Jacob T Beekman and James Hill were appointed such watchmen.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned Meeting at the City Clerk's office, Friday December 22, 1854, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald. Gardner, Greene, Low and Whitlock.

A claim of Bacot & Wood for $25, was presented and referred to joint committee on streets and assessments.

A claim of Bacot & Wood for $17 50; was presented and referred to the committee on schools.

A claim of P. Rooney for $10, was presented and referred to the committee on salaries officers and elections.

The official bond of George C. Perry as a city Auctioneer was presented, received, and ordered filed.

A petition of John B. Romaine to be appointed a city Watchman was presented and laid upon the table.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the joint committee on schools and public grounds and buildings, be empowered, (the assent of all the parties thereto being first obtained) to amend the contract, heretofore entered into, between the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City and William Connelly, on such terms and on such conditions as to them may seem advisable. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on watch, to whom were referred on the 5th instant the charges against the captain of the watch, presented a report setting forth that a portion of them are sustained, and a portion not sustained, and submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Charles J. Farley, Captain of the City Watch, be, and he is hereby dismissed from the watch department, for having on the 9th of September last, during the latter part of the night, taken to the watch house a demijohn of brandy, having drank of the same in the watch house, and having given the same to the watchmen there present to drink.

The report was accepted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Gardner, Greene, Low and Whitlock.

The committee on watch, to whom were referred on the 21st November last, the charges against the Assistant Captain of the Watch, reported that they find the same sustained, and submitted the following resolution in relation thereto:

Resolved, That James B. Dunn, Assistant-Captain of the City Watch, be, and he is hereby dismissed from the watch department, for negligence in the discharge of the duties of his office, and for malperformance of the same.

The report was accepted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Gardner, Greene, Low and Whitlock.

The committee on watch reported that charges had been laid before them by his Honor the Mayor against Charles J. Farley as Captain of the Watch brought by James B. Dunn, Assistant Captain of that Department, which the committee have examined into, at the same time they were considering the other charges, and that they find them not sustained. Report and accompanying paper received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the board to appoint viva-voce a watchman from the Second ward, in the place of John Ayres, resigned.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, Thomas W. Crane was appointed such watchman.

On motion of Ald. Slater the rule requiring a balloting was suspended and Stephen W. Treadwell was appointed a day policeman.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland the board proceeded to the appointment of Captain of the watch.

On motion of Ald. Keeney the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Thomas B. Kissam was *viva voce* appointed to that office.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board proceeded to the appointment of assistant-captain of the watch.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and Charles A. Tanner was *viva voce* appointed to that office.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of W. R. & J. B. Drayton, $52 03; G. A. Tittle, $3 50; R. A. Randall, $22; Marshall & Morris, $50 82; J. Knight, $21; H. Stiff, $10; Stevens & Greville, $3; W. Moore, $7 25; A. A. Rice, $35; A. Wines, $1062 03, and Overbaugh & Randall, $0 56.

The Committee on Fire and Water returned a claim of L. A. Pratt & Co for $10 25, referred to the committee on the 4th October last, and reporting that the same has been paid. Claim ordered filed.

The Committee on Fire and Water who were directed on the 14th September last to obtain a bill of items from John Allen, for refreshments furnished to the fire department at the fire on the 30th July, 1854, reported such bill of items.

On motion of Ald. Thompson the bill of items was ordered to be entered on the minutes, and is as follows:

*The Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City:*
To JOHN ALLEN, *Dr.*

For refreshments had by the members of Engine Co. Nos. 1. 2. 3.4. of Jersey City and Nos 29, 21, and other companies of New York, at the fire on Sunday, July 30th, 1854, consisting of

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| 12 galls. of brandy, $4 50, | $54 00 |
| 400 segars, 2 cts., | 8 00 |
| 31 suppers, 50 cts., | $15 50 |
| 5 doz. soda and porter, | $3 75 |
| 5 pails lost at time of the fire, | $1 25 |
| 8 tumblers lost by the firemen, | $1 00 |
| 15 lbs. of sugar, | $1 50 |
| 4 doz. lemons, | $2 00 |
| | $87 00 |

Jersey City, Sept. 21st, 1854.

Ald. Edge moved "That the bill be paid."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Thompson, White and Keeney.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Edge, Hill, Keeney Rappleyea and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Slater, Thompson and White.

Absent—Ald. Gardner, Greene, Low and Whitlock.

The committee on fire and water returned the claim referred to them on the 5th inst., of Hutton & Lacy $12 25, and the same was referred to the committee on streets.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the Board to appoint *viva voce* a watchman from the 4th ward, and on his motion Royal C. Betts was appointed such watchman.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn in favor ot the water commissioners of Jersey City for three thousand three hundred and forty-five 24-100 dollars, being the amount collected from surface tax up to this date, according to the certificate of Lorenzo Jaquins, Collector.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Thompson, Davenport and White:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Gardner, Greene, Low and Whitlock.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the bills No. 4080 and 4079 relating to the disputed territory claimed by E. B. Wakeman and Corporation of Jersey City, be referred to the City Attorney and A. O. Zabriskie, for their legal opinion on the subject. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Menting January 2d, 1855.

Present—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

The minutes of the special meeting of the 18th ultimo, and of the regular meeting of the 19th ultimo, and of the adjourned meeting of the 22d ultimo, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Remonstrance of Edward P. Torrey against the assessment for filling his lot in Prospect street. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Remonstrance of Charles J. Smith against the assessment for filling his lot in Morgan street. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Receipt from William L. Dayton, Esq., for one hundred dollars, for written opinion, and retaining fee in certiorari cases. Received and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of J. F. Richardson, $31 50; Geo. Morrow, $27 92; Geo. Morrow, $33 90; Geo. Morrow, $32 44; Geo. Morrow, 31 24; Geo Morrow, $68 71; Geo. Morrow, $34 88; Geo. Morrow, $51 95; Samuel Anness, 75 cents. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of J. G. Haybeck, for $16 89: E. Hope, $11 50; A. Hagen, $6 89; W. Green, $93 93; W. Green, $66,-09; John Crummy, $53 78. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of J. F. Richardson, $8; Geo. Morrow, $7 63; C, J Farly, $28 39; City Watchmen, $638 72. Ref to committee on watch.

Of J. McLaughlin, $48 47; S. Many, $7 63; L. Hore, $27; McGuigan & Nugent, $42 89; Geo. Morrow, $8 75. Ref. to committee on fire & water.

Of J. B. Dunn, $8; N. Ellis, $87 50; J. B. Dunn, $1. Ref. to commmittee on salaries offices and elections.

Of Samuel Anness, $1 76; Geo. Morrow, $18 25. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of James S. Bishop & Co., $285 25. Ref. to committee on schools.

Of Samuel Anness, $4 52. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Hugh Billingsly, $23 50; McGuigan & Nugent, 88 cents. N. Ellis, $43 71; Geo. Morrow, $8 87; Sunday Police, $4 50; Sunday Police, $27; James Warner, $1 50; Day Police, $4 50; H. A. Miller & Co., $127 78; W. Eaton, $20 50.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Davis & Culver, $5; W. S. Garrison, $11 139 42; A. Van Riper, $3 50; T. Blaney, $2; Hutton & Lacy $12 25; Bacot & Wood $25; Bacot & Wood $17 50.

The following communication from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office this day, was presented, read and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

Ald. Keeney offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pay or compensation of the water commissioners for this current year be three thousand dollars. The resolution was adopted.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Jan. 2d, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I have received, and return without my sanction, a resolution fixing the salary or compensation of the water commissioners at three thousand dollars for the current year.

This act of your honorable body is certainly an anomaly in the history of modern legislation. On the 21st ult. I returned, with my objections, a resolution of exactly the same purport, which had passed through the usual formula,—my objections were sustained, and the resolution rejected, and on the same evening the resolution before me was adopted. The reasons which I gave in the message returning that resolution will apply with the same force to this, and to which I respectfully direct your attention. If this rule is to hold good, and a question properly settled in the manner prescribed by the charter can be renewed again in the same shape and at the same meeting of your council, then it can only be construed that such right of renewal is a right to waste the time of representatives of the people, in repeated agitations of the same question, and it can never be known when a question is finally settled. It may not be improper, to avoid in future a similar occurrence, to refer you to some of the general and established rules of legislation on this subject:

Congress has adopted as one of its rules, "That the parliamentary practice comprised in Jefferson's Manual shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with its standing rules." It is laid down in said book that "when a bill or resolution which has been passed in one house, and shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session, without a notice of ten days, and leave of two-thirds of that house in which it shall be renewed." "In parliament a question once carried can not be questioned again at the same session, but must stand as the judgment of the house, and a bill once rejected, another of the same substance can not be brought in again the same session"

In my message returning the other resolution (fixing the salary of the commissioners at the same amount as this—three thousand dollars) I directed your attention to the 41st and 71st sections of the charter, and to which I would again refer you, as having a direct bearing upon the resolution under consideration.

The first named section declares that no member of the common council shall be competent to hold any office, the emoluments of which are paid from the city funds, or treasure of the city, and that no member shall be directly or indirectly interested in any work or business, the price or consideration of which is paid from said city treasury.

The other section of the charter referred to, precludes the aldermen from fixing their own compensation for services. Now it can not be denied that at least two of the members of your honorable body are deeply interested in the result of the resolution before me.

Jefferson in his Manual says, "No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is immediately or particularly interested."

Another rule laid down in said manual by the distinguished statesman, and directly applicable to the subject under discussion, is that, "Where the private interests of a member are concerned in a bill or question, he is to withdraw; and where such an interest has appeared, his voice has been disallowed, even after a division. In a case so contrary not only to the laws of decency, but to the fundamental principles of social compact, which denies to any man to be a judge in his own cause, it is for the honor of the house that this rule of immemorial observance should be strictly adhered to."

These rules for the government of our national legislature are worthy of imitation in a municipal government like our own, and will be strictly observed by every honorable and high-minded legislator as long as the free institutions of our country shall continue to survive.

With these considerations, I submit the subject for your deliberation. D. S. MANNERS.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following corporation notices, which were received and ordered filed.

"Confirmation of assessment for filling in sunken lots, between Railroad avenue, Prospect and Morgan streets, and Morgan, Prospect and Bay streets."

"Confirmation of assesment for the regulation of Henderson street, from Newark avenue to Grand-st."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of South Second street, from Grove to Coles street."

"Confirmation of assessmeut for the regulation of York street, from Warren-st. to Henderson street."

"Confirmation of assessment for the regulation of South Fourth street, from Erie-st. to Coles street."

A report was presented from the collector of taxes, giving a statement of taxes collected by him. Received and referred to committee on finance.

The city clerk laid before the common council the collector of taxes' return of delinquent tax payers for for the current corporation year, received in the city clerk's office, December 30th, 1854.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution in relation to said return:

Resolved. That the list of the names of delinquent tax payers for the current corporation year, with the sums due from them respectively, thereunto annexed, be placed by the city clerk in the hands of George E. Cutter, Esq, Justice of the Peace, for the purpose of issuing a tax warrant threon, as provided by law, and that said Justice of the Peace is hereby instructed to make out such tax warrants without delay and place the same in the hands of the collector of arrears of taxes.

The resolution was adopted.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the following expulsions and resignations from the Fire Department.

Expulsion of William Connolly and William P. Bagley, by Hose Company No. 2.

Resignation of Robert S. Gillman and Ebenezer Berry from Hose Company No. 2.

The names of the expelled members were ordered to be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department, and the proper entries of the resignations to be made.

A lease was presented, drawn by the City Attorney, from this corporation to Adolphus S. Gilbert, for lot 21, Grove street on block 127, bought by him for taxes at the corporation sale of May 20th 1852. The lease was ordered to be executed by his Honor the Mayor, and the City Clerk, under the seal of the city.

The committee on salaries, offices, and elections returned the claim of P. Rome, $10; referred to them on the 22d ultimo, and the same was referred to the committee on public grounds and buildings.

Ald. Slater presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of, T. E. Johnson, for three hundred and fifty dollars being the amount due him on his fourth payment, due him on his contract for building school house in the Fourth ward.

Ald. Davenport presented the assessment for regulating South Sixth street from Jersey avenue to Grove street, and the same was ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper that the assessors' report and map for regulating South Sixth street from Jersey avenue to Grove street is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the common council will meet at the common council chamber, on the third Tuesday in January, 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing.

Resolutions were presented by Ald. Davenport, from the committee on assessments, and disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That one and a half per cent be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating South 2nd street, from Grove street to Coles street, and that said assessment be confirmed.,

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That one and a half per cent. be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating Henderson street, from Grand street to Newark avenue, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for Collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating South Fourth street from Coles street to Erie street. and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge

Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That two per cent be added for collector's fees to the amount of assessment for regulating York street, between Warren street and Henderson street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—The President and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That improvement certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder for three thousand and five hundred dollars, being a part of his bill for regulating Grand street, between Jersey street and the mill creek, as per certificate of City Surveyors, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolotion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of W. Bagley, for fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South Fourth street, from Coles street to Erie Street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson, and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood, for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating South Fourth street from Coles street to Erie street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder, for three thousand seven hundred and fourteen dollars, and twenty-four cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating South Fourth street, from Coles street to Erie street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Wm. J. Bailey, for twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South Second street from Grove street to Coles street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adoped by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the directiou of the committee on finance, in favor of William Moore, for thirty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of South Second street, from Grove street to Coles street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell und White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Bacot & Wood for one hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating South 2nd st., from Grove street to Coles street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder & Co. for four thousand seven hundred and eighty one dollars and ten cents, being the amount of their bill for regulating South Second street, from Grove street to Coles street, and that His Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood, for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating York street from Warren street to Henderson street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereon.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas the nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate of certificates be issued under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder, for fourteen hundred and seventeen dollars and thirty-seven cents, being the balance of his bill for regulating York street, between Warren street and Henderson street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved. That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of William Moore, for fifty-eight dollars and twelve cents, being the amount of his bill for superintending the regulating of Henderson street, from Grand street to Newark avenue, and that his honor th Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to afix the seal of the city thereto,

The resolution was adopted by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson, and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance. in favor of Bacot & Wood, for one hundred and seventy-five dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating Henderson street from Grand street to Newark avenue, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates, be isued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder, for five thousand two hundred and seventy dollars and ninety-six cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating Henderson street, from Grand street to Newark avenue, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Cleveland, Low, Thompson, Whitlock.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water, report at their earliest convenience a location, plans, and estimate cost of a house and lot for the use and occupation of Hudson Hose No 1. The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Edge offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, Hudson Hose Company No. 1, refuse to accept the house now being built for them, situated in Van Vorst street near Grand,

Therefore be it resolved, that Diligence Hose Company No. 3 be permitted to occupy the same, under the direction of the committee on fire and water. The preamble and resolution were adopted.

Ald. Edge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the joint committee on fire and water and public grounds and buildings be, and they are hereby instructed to ascertain and report to this board whether they can obtain purchasers for the rear of the lot in Mercer street occupied by Fire Engine Company No. 5, and the rear of the lot in Essex street occupied by Fire Engine Company No. 2, and what price they can obtain for the same.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. White offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Application has been made to the Mayor and Common Council for the construction of a main sewer in Essex street, between the Hudson River and the Morris Canal, with its tributary, and the usual notice for objections having been duly published, therefore,

Resolved, That a main sewer be constructed in Essex street, between the Hudson River and the Morris Canal, with the necessary tributaries through Greene, Washington, Morris and Warren streets, according to the plan of sewerage heretofore presented by the water commissioners and adopted by the common council, and that Erastus Randall, John V. Brower and Stephen Quaife be appointed commissioners to assess and report the estimated cost of the main sewer and its tributaries, in conformity to the requirements of the city charter and an ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers, approved June the 28th 1854

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Ald. Slater presented a receipt from the Ætna Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn, for premium on policy of of insurance on alms-house, and on his motion a warrant for fifteen dollars, being the amount of premium on said policy, was ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of said company.

The committee on lamps, to whom was referred on the 19th ult. the petition of Edward Gough to have a lamp placed in Provost street, on the easterly side of said street, between North First and North Second streets, under the direction of the committee on lamps, presented a report recommending that the prayer of petitioner be granted.

The committee on police and licenses to whom were referred on the 19th ultimo, the petition of Owen Rourke, for an auctioneer's license and the bond which accompanied the same presented a report recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Report received and adopted.

On motion of Ald. Slater, it was

Resolved, That when this board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the common council chamber, on Tuesday the 9th instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the board adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Adjourned Meeting at the Common Council Chamber Tuesday January 9th 1855, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President of the Board.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President pro tempore.

Petitions, communications etc., were presented, and disposed of as follows:

Petition of H. & G. Soule for construction of a sewer in South 5th street, from the east side of Prospect street to the west of Monmouth street, or two hundred feet west of Erie street, with tributaries etc.—Ref. to committee on sewers, and the city clerk directed to publish notice in the corporation paper, that the common council will meet at the common council chamber on the first Tuesday in February next, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider objections in writing to said improvement.

Petition of D. B. & W. Moses and others in relation to the building of bulkhead in front of Hudson street, in front of their property, protesting against the acts of the parties engaged in the work, and asking the Common Council to take action in the matter.

On motion of Ald. Hill the petition was received, laid upon the table, and the city clerk directed to refer the petitioners to the ordinance relative to the subject of filling out by shore owners.

Petition of John Francisco, Pound Keeper of 4th Ward, containing charges of misconduct against Peter N. Horsly, Pound Keeper of the 3d Ward.

Ref. to the special committee on the charges of Peter N Horsly against John Francisco.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of S. Quaife. $15.00 : Bacot & Wood. $150,00 R. D. McClelland. $25,00 : A Wilson, $70 ; S. Noyes, $70 ; and S. Quaife. $70,00 ; Ref. to committee on Streets.

Of M. Sharp. $36,38 ; and Anthony Ford, $71,71. Ref to committee on Alms.

Of Commissioners of Appeal $80.00. and G. E Cutter, $80,40. Ref. to committee on Finance.

Of A. Hagan, $5 00. Ref to committee on public health.

Of M. Sharp, $14,50, Ref. to committee on fire and water

Of J. B. Dunn. $23,70 Ref. to committee on watch.

Of Simon F. Noyes, $10,00, Ref. to committee on assessment.

Of A. Barmore, & Co. $16,26, Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

The committee on salaries, offices, and elections returned the claims of J. B. Dunn for $8,00, referred to them on the 2d instant and the same was laid upon the table.

The City Treasurer's report for December, 1854, showing a balance in the treasury on the 1st instant amounting to $15.868 07, subject to improvement certificate, and redemption of lots account.

Received and referred to committee on finance.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department announcing the resignation of Thomas M. Gopsill, and the expulsions of John Coyle and C J. Farley from Protection Engine Co. No. 5, and the election of Hugh Kirkpatrick and Alfred H. Keep, by Empire Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

The communications were received, the proper entries of the resignations ordered to be entered, the names of the expelled members to be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department, the elections were approved, the names ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued.

Ald. Greene offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That two warrants be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Wm. Connolly of five hundred dollars each, being for the amount due him for his fourth payment now due on contract for building school-house in the Fourth ward.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the judgment obtained against the city, in the Hudson Circuit Court, by John R. Lawyer, and the other claim which he alleges that holds against the city, be referred to the committee on laws and ordinances, with power to settle or compromise the same in such manner as they deem best for the interests of the city.

[Ald. Edge and Gardner retired.]

Petition of A. Love for allowance of interest to him on his warrant for six hundred and twenty-eight dollars, from its date until paid.

Ald Hill moved "that the prayer of petitioner be granted."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Slater, Whitlock and Thompson.

Yeas—Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill. Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald Slater and Tyrrell.

Absent—The President, and Ald Edge and Gardner.

Ald. Davenport offered the following preamble and resolution—

Whereas the charter of Jersey City, expressly provides that "copies of all papers duly filed in the city clerk's office, and transcripts thereof, and of the records and proceedings of the common council, and copies of the laws or ordinances of the said city certified by the city clerk, under the corporate seal shall be evidence in all courts and places," and yet notwithstanding this provision in the charter, the city clerk is frequently subpœnad and compelled to appear in court as a witness, with books and papers belonging to his office, and the interests of the city and the safety of such documents make it necessary that they should not be taken from said office.

Therefore Resolved, That the special committee on amendments to the city charter be and they are hereby instructed, to prepare and embody with the proposed supplement thereto, such amendment or amendments as will put an end to the practice of compelling the city clerk to attend as a witness, with books and papers from his office, in cases where certified copies or transcripts can be used as provided in the charter. The preamble and resolution were adopted.

On motion of Ald Greene the rule requiring a balloting was suspended to enable the Board to appoint viva voce a watchmen from the Third ward, and on motion of Ald. Greene John Van Pelt was appointed such watchman.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be, and they are hereby directed to purchase a hose carriage, at an expense not to exceed $300, for Passaic Hose Co. No. 4; also, to report location plan for house, and estimate cost for same, at their earliest convenience.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Slater and White.

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Tyrrell and Whitlock.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Greene, Slater, Thompson and White.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge and Gardner.

On motion of Ald Low, it was

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer of the fire department be authorized to have the locks on the fire Engine and other houses belonging to the fire department repaired when necessary at the expense of the city.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate commmittees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of L, Jaquins, $2; J. B. Dunn, $21 29; L. Jaquins, $500; and Mnrshall & Morris. $6 37.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of city watchmen, $638 72; S. Anness. $4 52; J. B. Dunn, $1; J. V. Metlar, $12 38; N. Ellis, $87 50; G. Morrow, $32 44; S. Anness, $0 75: J. F. Richardson, $31 50; G. Morrow, $34 88; G. Morrow, $51 95; G. Morrow, $68 71; G. Morrow. $31 24; G Morrow, $27 92; G. Morrow, $33 90; J. F. Richardson, $8 25; G. Morrow, $8 73; S. H. Many, $7 63; G. Morrow, $7 63; C. J. Farley. $28 39; B. R Wakeman. $2 63: Lewis Hover, $27; James McLaughlin, $48 47; Ingham & Hall. $8 15; D. Bedford, $5; and Mc Guigan and Nugent, $42 89.

Requisitions from the Board of education for payment of the following claims were presented, and warrants for the amounts were ordered to be drawn on the city Treasurer in favor of the claimants respectively.

Of P. D. Vroom chairman of finance committee of Board of Education for amount of teachers salaries due January 31, 1855, $2089 51; A. Anderson. $89 96; J. H. Smyth, $75; S R. Tyrrell, $31 25; and C. Van Vorst. $112 50.

On motion of Ald. Hill the following entitled ordinance presented on the 19th September 1854 was taken up for consideration, viz:

"An ordinance relating to hydrants aqueducts etc. etc."

The ordinance was amended and passed as amended by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene. Hill, Keeney, Low. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge and Gardner.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water report location plan of a house and estimate the cost, for Passaic Hose Co. No. 4.

The resolution was adopted.

The committee on finance reported as correct the Collector of Taxes' statement of his collections for the current year, referred to said committee on the 2d instant.

Report received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then adjourned

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting January 16, 1855 at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Gardner, Low and Rappleyea.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 2d inst., and of the adjourned meeting of the 9th inst., were read and approved

Petitions, communications etc., were presented and disposed of as follows :

Communication from James Narine, chairman of the New York Typographical Society, inviting the Mayor and Common Council to attend the Annual Festival of that Society at the Tabernacle in the city of New York, on Wednesday evening January 17th., in commemoration of the Birthday of Franklin. Invitation accepted.

Communication from George J. Miller and others, a committee of the Board of Trustees of the Jersey City Fire Department Fund Association, asking that the privilege and power may be granted to said Association of appointing suitable persons to fill the offices of Fire Wardens in the several wards of the city. Communication received and the privilege of nominating such Fire Wardens to the Common Council for appointment, granted,

Petition of David Jones and others, freeholders, resident in the Third Ward, for a suitable appropriation for the purchase of a Hose Carriage for Passaic Hose Co. No. 4, etc. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of Ingham & Hall, $11 74 ; Woolsey & Clark, $4 38 ; T. W. Morehouse, $45 44 ; and H. M. Lane, $47. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of T. W. Morehouse, $14 20; J. B. Stone, $25 ; and R. B, Earle & Co. $13 94. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Of R. & J. McLaughlin, $10713; R. & J. McLoughlin, 37 44 ; and Isaac Wakekfield, $51. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Of J. McDonald, $3 ; and T. W. Morehouse, $8 13 Ref. to committee on watch.

Of J. B. Stone, $10 ; and Ingham & Hall, $3.—Ref. to commttee on alms.

Of Ingham & Hall, $3 ; and I. S. Miller, $19 69. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of C. J. Farley, $56 40. Ref. to special committee appointed to inspect the Recorder's books.

Of Daily Telegraph, $162 00. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of T. W. Morehouse, $0 88. Ref. to committee on streets

The City Clerk laid before the Board the following communication from his Honor the Mayor, filed in the City Clerk's office on the 15th instant, and the same was read and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council :

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water, report at their earliest convenience a location, plans and estimate cost of a house and lot for the use and occupation of Hudson Hose No. 1. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Jany. 12, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

I return without my approval a resolution authorizing the committee on fire and water to report a location, plans and estimate costs of house and lot for the use of Hudson Hose No. 1.

Your Honorable Body must be aware that the appropriation set apart for the Fire Department, for the purpose of erecting engine houses etc., is entirely exhausted, I therefore deem it unwise and injudicious to incur even the expense of plans and estimates, for said house, until a lot can be purchased and an appropriation made for said object in the manner pointed out, and required by the city charter, whenever your Honorahle Body shall provide the means and make the necessary appropriation, for the objects proposed by the resolution, without infringing on the charter, it will receive at my hands that due consideration which the subject deserves.

I therefore return the resolution for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Edge moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

On motion of Ald. Hill, Ald. Edge's motion was laid on the table.

The city clerk presented a report of the publication of the following entitled corporation notice, viz :

" Confirmation of assessment for regulating South Sixth street, from Jersey avenue to Grove street."—The report was received and ordered filed.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the following elections in that department, viz :

Richard Brown and James Smith, by Passaic Hose Co. No. 4 ; and William Dutcher and John Engler, by Americus Hook and ladder Co. No.2. Communications received, the elections approved, the names ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued.

A communication from the chief engineer of the fire department, enclosing resolutions adopted on the 11th inst., at a meeting of the foremen and assistant foremen of the companies comprising the fire department of Jersey City, in regard to the ringing of bells during fires, etc. Received, and referred to committee on fire and water.

On motion of Ald. Whitlock it was—

Resolved, That the special committee appointed on the 19th December last, on petition in respect to the Recorder's books, be discharged, and that a new committee be appointed on the same subject.

On motion of Ald. Thompson it was

Resolved, That the number of the special committee be increased to five members.

The following were appointed as the committee, viz : Ald. Whillock, Greene, Hill, Keeney, and Davenport.

The following claims referred to the committee on streets on the 9th instant, were returned by said committee, and referred to the committee on assessments.

Of S. Quaife, $70 ; S. Quaife, $15 ; S. F. Noyes, $70 ; R. D. McClelland, $25 ; Alexander Wilson, $70 ; and Bacot & Wood, $150.

The committee on assessments, to whom was referred on the 2d instant, the remonstrance of Edward P. Torrey, against the assessment for filling sunken lots in Prospect street, reported that Mr. Torrey withdraws his remonstrance, as he and the contractor have settled the error complained of. Report received.

The committee on assessments, to whom was referred on the 2d instant, the remonstrance of Charles J. Smith against the assessment for filling his lot No. 17 Morgan street, reported " that the ground of complaint does not conflict with the ordinance ordering said work," the report recommending that the assessment be confirmed. Report received.

Resolutions were presented by Ald. Davenport from the committee on assessments and disposed of as follows :

Resolved, That three per cent. be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating South Sixth street, from Jersey avenue to Grove street, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Gardner, Low and Rappleyea.

Resolved, that two per cent. be added for collector's fees to the amount of the Assessment for filling sunken lots on block 73 between Railroad avenue Prospect and Morgan streets and block 74 between Morgan Prospect and Bay streets and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Gardner, Low and Rappleyea.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for two thousand one hundred and two dollars and forty cents, being the amount of his bill for filling sunken lots on block 73 between Railroad avenue, Prospect and Morgan streets, and block 74 between Morgan, Prospect and Bay streets, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Gardner, Low and Rapplepea.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood, for seventy-five dollars being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps, for filling sunken lots on block 73 between Railroad avenue, Prospect and Morgan streets, and block 74 between Morgan, Prospect and Bay streets, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be requested to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson Tyrrell, White and Whitlock-

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Gardner, Low and Rappleyea.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan, for five hundred and seventy-nine dollars and fifty-four cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating South Sixth street from Jersey avenue to Grove street, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill. Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Gardner, Low and Rappleyea.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot and Wood for twenty-five dollars, being the amount of their bill for surveys and assessment maps for regulating South Sixth street from Jersey avenue to Grove street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Gardner, Low and Rappleyea.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution—

Resolved. That the finance committee be and are hereby authorized to borrow for the use of the city. The sum of five thousand dollars for ninety days, in anticipation of taxes, at the rate of 7 per cent interest, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to issue bonds for the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote. the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge. Greene, Hill Keeney, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald. Gardner, Low and Rappleyea.

Ald. White offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the contract which has been made between the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City and William Conley, for the fulfilment of which J. V. D. B. Vandorn, John Heddin and Bernard Hughes have become the sureties, which contract related to the building of a school house in the Fourth ward of Jersey city and all the matters relating thereto, be referred to the joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings with power in their discretion to enter into a new contract with J. V. D. B. Vandoren, John Heddin and B. Hughes, said sureties, to the end that such steps be taken as that the said school house may be built and completed as near as may be according to the original plan of such building; said committee not being empowered to discharge the bonds of J. V. D. B. Vandorn, John Heddin and Bernard Hughes until said building be completed or other satisfactory adjustment be made.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution—

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to report suitable rooms for the use of the Common Council to hold their meetings in, with rooms for City Clerk and Recorder adjoining the same, to be ready for occupation on the first of May next. The resolution was adopted, and Ald. Hill, White, and Keeney were appointed as such committee.

(Ald. Edge obtained leave and retired.)

Ald. Slater offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas, It is made the duty of the chief of police and the department under him, promptly to make complaint against all persons that shall violate the laws of this State, as well as the city ordinances, wihin the corporate limits of the city ; therefore,

Resolved, That the chief of police, and the police department under him, be directed to have complaint made against any person or persons, who may be found violating the laws enacted to prevent the desecration of the Christian Sabbath commonly called Sunday. To have all cigar shops, confectionary shops, oyster saloons or cellars, or other places where articles are held on sale or sold, to be closed on that day and the evening of that day.

Resolved, That the chief of police and the department under him, be directed to carry out energetically the provisions of the 10th Section of "an ordinance to establish and regulate a day police," which enacts "that the chief of police, and each and every, of the policemen of the city, shall hereby be authorized and required, on all days and at all times, to enter any house, building, room, ally, or apartment, within the limits of Jersey City, and in which they have reason to believe, any beer, ale, cider, porter, or intoxicating liquors of any kind, mixed or unmixed, are sold, or exposed for sale, and require the occupant or occupants, his, her, or their clerk, servant or agent. or those having the charge therein, to show their license for so doing, and in case they have no license, or refuse to show the same, upon request as aforesaid ; the said chief of police, or any of the policemen of this city, shall hereby be authorized and required to order said house or other building as aforesaid, cleared from all persons, except the owner or owners thereof, his her or their clerk, servant, or agents as aforesaid. or any person or persons, who may be occupying said house or other building as aforesaid."

Resolved, That the chief of police is hereby instructed and directed to make report to this Board at its first regular meeting in each month, of every unlicensed house where intoxicating liquors are sold or supposed to be sold, the location of each house and the name of the proprietor, or person, by whom said house is kept. Also, designating those that are kept open on the Christian Sabbath.

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the chief of police.

Ald. Slater offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to have printed, "an ordinance to establish and regulate a day police in Jersey City," and 100 copies bound in convienent form, for the use of the Police Department. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Hill offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to report to the Common Council at their next meeting what condition the books of his office are in. The resolution was adopted.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Daily Telegraph, $112 50 ; and R. S. Gillman, $1 75

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct for the following named amounts respectively, and said amounts were ordered paid :

Of Etna Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn., $3 50 ; J. B. Dunn, $23 70 ; Jas. S. Bishop & Co., $285 25 ; A. Hagan, $2 ; Anthony & Ford, $77 71 ; E. Hope, $11 50 ; Wandle Green, $66 09 ; J. G. Haybuck, $16 89 ; A. Hagan, $6 87 ; M. Sharp, $36 38 ; J. Crumy, $53 78 ; and Wandle Green, $93 93.

On motion of Ald. Slater, the motion of Ald. Edge laid on the table in the early part of this meeting, to pass notwithstanding under the objections of his honor the Mayor, the resolutions directing the committee on fire and water to report a location plans etc of a house and lot for Hudson Hose Co. No. 1, was taken up for consideration.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Hill, Keeney, Tyrrell.

Nays—Davenport, Greene, Slater, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea.

On motion of Ald. Tyrrell the board then adjourned

GEO. W. CASSEDY City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, February 6th, 1855.

Present: The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and White.

Ald. Low and Whitlock were absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took their seats.

Absent: Ald. Slater and Tyrrell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of W. H. Murphy, $24 25; A. Brower, $24 07; E. Morris, $14 36; W. Green, $83 62; Drayton & Durant, $56 07; E. Hope, jr., $20; Kemp & Ward, $270 17; W. Whitley, $20 43; W. Whitley, $242 78; A. Hagan, $29 12; J. Wiley $2, and I. S. Miller, $121 95, Ref. to com. on alms

Of E. B. Wakeman, $83 23, and R. D. McClelland, $125 19. Ref. to com. on laws and ordinances.

Of D. E. Gavitt, $50; R. B. Kaskow, $144 69, and Lorenzo Jaquins, $50 Ref. to com. on finance.

Of E Randall, $150; and G. H. Bailey, $75. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of James Wiley, $5. Ref. to committee on public health.

Of M. Sharp, $14 50; and Day Policemen, $21. Ref. to committee on police and licenses.

Of Ingham & Hall, $3. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of John Sylvester, $4 50. Ref. to committee on ferries and wharves.

Of Joseph Young, $75. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices, and elections.

Of Alexander Love, $11. Ref. to committee on streets.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of D. B. Wakeman, $19; N. Ellis, $31 85; Fidelity Division, $37 50; G. E. Cutter, $125; Jersey City Gas Light Company, $35 74; $2 48; $3 08; $2 18; E. Chamberlin & Co., $168; J. Wandel, $31 25; H. Gilbert, $6 25; J. Wandle, $31 25; G. E. Cutter, $9; Marshall & Morris, $20; Commissioners of Appeal, $40; E. B. Sippell, $58 03; Thomas Newham, $31 75; Geo. W. Cassedy, $187 50; D. Bedford, $25: J. F. Fielder, $6 21; J. McManus, $2 25; City Watchmen, $680 96; J. Wilson, $7 25; H. A. Miller & Co., $4 87; $15 69; and $15 66; Reily & Doyle, $12 54; J. P. Masseker, $112 20: Marshall & Morris, $29 50; D. D. Miller, $40: S. A. French, $87 50; and Ingham & Hall, $15 12

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of Daily Telegraph, $162; J. McDonald, $4 50; T. W. Morehouse, $8 13; C. H. Winfield, $3 15; Woolsey & Clark, $4 38; L. R. Bailey, $10 88; H. M. Lane, $47; T. W. Morehouse, $45 44; Ingham & Hall, $11 74; Isaac S. Miller, $19 69; S. F. Noyes, $10; J. B. Stone, $25; A. Barmore & Co., $16 26; R. B. Earle & Co., $13 94; S. Anness, $1 75, G. Morrow, $18 25; P. Rooney, $10; T. W. Morehouse, $14 20; G. E. Cutter, $80 40; Ingham & Hall, $3; T. W. Morehouse, $0 88; and Dr. Lutkins, $20.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the board were reported correct for the following named amounts, and said amounts were ordered paid.

Of C. J. Farley, $1 35; $1 20; and $43 20.

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor, enclosing a summons served on him on the 24th ultimo, at the suit of William C. Hutton and Thomas T. Lacy, and four claims under the lien law against the Fourth Ward School House, served upon him on the 25th ultimo, on behalf of Thomas McDermott, Thomas Carberry, Thomas Harper, and John Donnelly; all of which were referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

The following communication was received from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city cleak's office on the 26th ultimo, was presented, read, and oodered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water report location plan of a house and estimate the cost, for Passaic Hose Co. No. 4.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Jany. 25, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return herewith without my approval, a resolution authorizing the committee on fire and water to report location and plans of a house and estimate the costs, for Passaic Hose Co. No. 4.

On the 12th inst I returned with my objections a similar resolution, which directed the same committee to report a location, and procure plans of a house for Hudson Hose Co. No. 1, and at your last meeting the resolution with my objections were considered, and the resolution rejected. The reasons for returning that resolution will apply with like force to this, and to which I would respectfully direct your attention.

When the resolution for the organization of Hose Co. No 4 was before me, there were objections to it, on the ground that no appropriation had been made for said object, and I only consented to approve it, with the express assurance of the committee on fire and water, that no demands would be made on the treasury by said company, until an appropriation could be raised and set apart for said purpose. Already the contracts and expenditures for the fire department exceed the appropriation set apart for said department. It therefore, must be self evident to every unprejudiced mind, that the expense of plans and estimates for said house, can be incurred only in direct violation of law, as the charter expressly requires *that the expenditures under each appropriation shall be confined to the object therein specified*, and which requirement, you, in common with myself, are sworn to obey.

Under these circumstances I am compelled to return the resolution for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald Edge moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald Cleveland, Hill Keeney, Rappleyea.

Nays—The President and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Thompson and White.

Absent—Ald. Low, Slater, Tyrrell and Whitlock. (Ald. Whitlock appeared and took his seat.)

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor enclosing the sixth semi-annual report of the water commissioners, accompanied by documents referred to in said report.

The communication, report and accompanying documents were received and ordered to be publish in the minutes.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Feby. 6, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

I have received, and herewith have the honor to transmit the Sixth Semi-annual report of the Water Commissioners of Jersey City, with accompanying documents, all of which is very respectfully submitted.
D. S. MANNER.

*To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City :*

In compliance with the requirements of the law under which we act, to report the condition of the Water Works, and the receipts and expenditures on account of the same, we submit herewith a report of the Chief Engineer, and an abstract from the books of the office, made by the Clerk; both documents refer to transactions connected with the works, to the end of the year 1854.

The report of the Engineer is minute and full of interesting particulars.

The abstract of the Clerk is an exhibit of the receipts of money from all sources, and disbursements on the whole works from their commencement to the end of the year 1854.

The term for the water rents collected, as shown on said statement, commenced on Sep, 1, 1854, aud ends May 1st, 1855—being eight months.

There is a considerable amount yet unpaid, which is in the course of collection.

The annual rents for the water will hereafter commence on the 1st May.

The changes in the monetary condition of the country, which have been severely felt by the community for some months, will materially effect the income calculated to be derived from the use of the water, from the mechanical and manufacturing interests of the place, and the same causes will, to some extent, control the erection of buildings during the year, and disappoint our expectations from that source.

The revenue relied upon from the use of the water by the European steamers is entirely suspended, by the demand on the vessels as transports in the war in Europe.

These pecuniary difficulties have to some extent affected the comissioners to meet the current engagements, by the sale of the unsold bonds at fair rates.

They are now negotiating for funding the sum authorized for completing the works, so as to cancel their temporary debt, and to provide for the interest due on the first of July next.

Anticipating the necessity of a supplemental report, about the first of May next, when the deficiency in the revenues to meet the interest and for the maintenance of the work, is to be ascertained, and assumed by the Common Council, to be by them levied with the taxes of the current year, the commissioners, will avail themselves on that occasion, to present in a more satisfactory form, the whole cost of the works, the anticipated revenues, and the cost of maintaining them. Respectfully submitted,

Office of the Water Commissioners,
Jersey City, February 5th, 1855.

D. S. GREGORY.
M. B. BRAMHALL,
E. RANDALL,
JNO. H. LYON,
SELAH HILL.

Engineer's Oefice, Jersey City Water Works.
January 29th, 1855.

*To the President and Board of Water Commissioners.*

Gentlemen :—The following report of the condition of the works is respectfully submitted.

At the time of the last semi-annual report the works were so far advanced as to encourage the hope of the early introduction of water into the city. This was delayed, however, somewhat beyond the expected time by the difficulty of securing the pipes of the rising main so as to render the operation of pumping perfectly safe. By the 15th of August this difficulty was overcome, and the engine and pump in successful operation. The water was immediately introduced into the city, and distributed through the streets ; since which there has been a full and uninterrupted supply.

### WORK AT THE RIVER.

The inlet cut extending from the channel of the river to the end of the conduit, which conveys the water to the well of the engine house, was dredged six feet below the low water mark.

The securing of the sides of this cut has been deferred in order to ascertain if there is any tendency to fill up. Soundings have been taken, from time to time, and the water is found to retain its original depth, showing that the sides of the cut have taken a slope, which they will be likely to maintain, and that there is no probability of the banks sliding in, and obstructing the passage of the water. The only way in which it seems at all likely to gather any accumulation on its bed, is by the current (especially when the ice in the river breaks up) sweeping in the surface mud, and any deposit that may be borne along by the stream. To prevent this, and also to protect the screen house at the end of the conduit, a solid pier fourteen feet in width, the top of which is above the highest tides, has been extended into the river nearly to the channel, a short distance above the conduit. This pier, it is believed, will effectually check the rush of ice which would otherwise find no obstruction until it reached the brick structure on the edge of the river, and at the same time answer the purpose of securing the inlet cut, as effectually as any means that could be devised.

The grounds about the engine house, and between it and the river have not been graded, although something has been done towards it. A small expenditure applied to this purpose, and trimming up the margin of the river, would much improve the appearance of that portion of the work, which now looks unfinished.

### THE PUMPING ENGINE.

Since the 15th of August the engine has performed very satisfactorily, and proved beyond doubt its economy and adaptation to the work required. It is well understood that this engine is what is called a

"Cornish single acting engine," the economy and efficiency of which, for the purpose of raising water, have been well established in England, where it originated and has received all of its improvements The advantages possessed by this kind of engine over all others for such a purpose, were so apparent to the first board of commissioners and their engineer that its adoption was strongly recommendation by them in their report. The engine erected has an eighty inch cylinder and pump plunger thirty-four and three quarters inches diameter, each having eleven feet stroke.

The water is forced through a thirty-sixinch main, and delivered in the reservoir at a height of one hundred and fifty-seven feet above high water in the Passaic river.

By the contract with R. P. Parrott, the builder of the engine, it was guaranteed to do a duty of at least fifty millions; that is, "to raise at least fifty millions pounds of water one foot high with ninety pounds of Cumberland coal."

For the purpose of ascertaining whether the engine has answered the requirements of the contract, a careful record of the duty performed has been kept. By means of a register attached to the engine the number of strokes is recorded. The quantity of coal consumed is accurately noted and reported at the end of each day's work.

The following is a statement of the work performed during one hundred and sixty-four hours and thirty minutes, from the 3d to the 27th of January:

Number of strokes, 44,318, equal to 4.49 per minute
Ht. from half-tide in river to delivery, 159 ft.
Load on engine, 65,190 lbs.
Coal consumed, 430 bushels.
Average length of stroke, 10 ft. 4 in.
The duty is thus calculated,
65,190x44,318x10.33 equal 69,405,358 lbs.
——
430

The weight of a bushel of coal is here taken at ninety pounds, as that is the weight assumed in the contract, although the actual weight is found to be ninety four pounds. In the reports of most English engines of this description, the latter weight is assumed; therefore, in comparing this with any such reports, the proper allowance should be made in favor of this engine. During the time for which this duty was taken, the engine was run from nine to ten hours a day, and the quantity of coal reported was that consumed during the working of the engine, the quantity used in getting up steam in the first instance, and for keeping the fires over night not being taken into the account.

In this connection it may be interesting to compare this engine with those cited by the former engineer in his report, previous to the construction of the works. The comparison then made was considered as showing conclusively the superiority of the cornish engine, over the single-acting Boulton & Watt engine.

The engines compared are those in use at the East London Water Works, and the duty given is the average for the years 1848, 1849, and 1850. The Bushel is assumed to weigh 88 lbs.

| Name of Engine. | Lbs raised 1 ft. with 88 lbs coal | Consumption per horse p'r per hour. |
|---|---|---|
| The best of Boulton and Watt's engines, | 25,444,844 | 6.75 lbs. |
| 1st Cornish engine erected in 1839, | 55,932,542 | 3 lbs. |
| 2d Cornish engine erected in 1847, | 60,175,152 | 2.75 lbs. |
| Engine of J. C. W. W. erected in 1854, | 67,863,016 | 2.56 lbs. |

I have edeavored to ascertain the duty of some of the pumping engines in this country. The greatest duty claimed to have been performed is that stated in the report of the Superintendent and Engineer of the Cincinnati Water Works. It gives the result of a trial, made in 1852, of a condensing engine with Cornish boilers, The trial lasted nine hours and thirty-eight minues, and showed a duty of forty-five millions. In this report the quantity of coal used in raising steam is taken into account in making up the duty. A duty of forty millions is claimed for the Buffalo Engines.

It will thus be seen that this engine is not only performing nearly forty per cent more than was guaranteed, but is doing considerably better than the best American engines, and certainly as well, if not better, than the average of English engines,andwhen it is considered that it is now working at considerable disadvantage, without either air chamber or stand pipe, for which reason the speed must be kept down, the result can not but be satisfactory to your Board and creditable to the builder of the Engine.

The greatest speed which it has been found practicable to attain,is that mentioned before; or about 4 1-2 strokes per minute; because, (for want of an air chamber or standing column,) at the end of every stroke a recoil of the whole body of water, twenty-three hundred feet in length, from the engine house to the Reservoir takes place; and if the succeeding stroke is made before this body of water is at rest,a shock must occur, producing an injurious effect upon the engine and pump work.—It was this that caused the difficuly of securing the pipes when the engine was first put in operation. An overflow stand pipe would be the best means of remedying this difficulty, whenever it is found necessary to increase the speed of the engine.

It would consist of a cast iron pipe rising vertically just outside of the engine house, far enough above the level of the discharge,in the reservoir,to give the head required to deliver the water as fast as pumped. The water would be pumped directly into this pipe, at the top of which it would overflow and be carried off by the rising main.

It will be seen that by such an arrangement the column of water to be put in motion at each stroke would not be much over one hundred and sixty five feet in length, instead of twenty three hundred as at present, and the force of the recoil would be diminished in like proportion.

It is not essential that any such arrangement should be adopted at present, as the engine, working ten hours a day, is capable of furnishing considerably more water than the wants of the city require. There is no doubt, however, that the application of a stand pipe, would be of great advantage, even now by relieving the pipes of shocks and strains that are constantly causing leaks in the joints, and would render the whole working of the engine more economical. This being the largest and almost the only Cornish engine in the country, its performance will be regarded with interest. A careful record will therefore be kept, and every means taken to render the working of it as economical as possible.

### ENGINE HOUSE.

The engine house has had but little done to it, since the last report, nothing, in fact, more than was necessary to make it comfortable through the winter. The inside wood work requires painting, and by plastering the inside walls and putting up a flight of front steps more in keeping with the character and design of the building, than the temporary wooden steps now there, the appearance of the building would be much improved.

A contract has been entered into for building three frame buildings in the rear of the engine house, to be occupied by the engineers and firemen. At present they are obliged to live on the Belleville side of the river, at considerable inconvenience. The buildings will be completed in the spring.

### THE RISING MAIN.

The pipes connected with the pump work, and just outside of the engine house are secured in such a manner that there is no possibility of their ever starting from their place. About fifty feet in length is tied together with strong rods, and the whole bolted down through a mass of masonry weighing over five hundred tons, with heavy bed plates under the whole.

In the month of October, a self-acting valve, was put into the rising main about forty feet above the level of the water in the well. The principal object of this was to retain the main body of water, in case of a break in the pipe in or near the engine house. The necessity of such a provision was obvious, after the first experience in the working of the pump; as, in case of any considerable leak, such as would happen by the bursting of a pipe in or near the engine house, much damage would be done before a gate, operated by hand in the ordinary manner could be closed.

The arrangement adopted consists of four clack valves, enclosed in the same chamber, and standing at an angle of about ten degrees from the vertical. It answers the purpose intended, and renders the whole operation of pumping much more safe than before.

### THE RECEIVING (OR BELLEVILLE) RESERVOIR.

This reservoir is in good condition and perfectly water tight. The gate house at the south corner has been erected during the fall, and has greatly improved the appearance of the reservoir.

It has been the intention to keep the reservoir full or nearly so, during the cold weather, but owing to the necessity of keeping a current moving through the pipes across the Hackensack river to prevent freezing, the height of water has fluctuated considerably, and could only be maintained by keeping the engine running longer than ten hours a day. This would have required the employment of a larger force than is now engaged at the engine house, and as there was sufficient water in the distributing reservoir at Bergen for any emergency; this was not thought necessary.

The slope wall being backed up with rubble stone eighteen inches deep for a distance of five feet below the top, there can be no danger of the frost penetrating the bank sufficiently to throw the wall, unless the water is allowed to fall below the level.

But little work is required about this reservoir to render its appearance neat and attractive. By trimming up the ground outside of the embankment and in the road, and grassing over the unoccupied part of the lot, a great improvement may be made at a slight expense.

### PIPE WORK BETWEEN THE TWO RESERVOIRS.

This is in good condition. Since the introduction of water but three or four leaks have occurred on the whole line. Two of these were caused by closing a gate too suddenly, and the others were leaks in joints caused by contraction and expansion. The nature of the ground for most of the distance between the reservoirs is such, that some little trouble was anticipated from the settlement of the pipes.

It was not, however, considered necessary to pile the whole distance, for it was supposed that a flooring of plank on which the pipe rests, together with the network of roots extending over a considerable part of the marsh, would a sufficient support; and although an occasional leak might occur in consequence of settling, the pipe would soon attain a solid bearing and be perfectly secure. It was only thought necessary to pile the portions between the east side of the Hackensack River and the foot of Bergen Hill, and about half a mile in length at the west end of the marsh.

The marsh at these places was found to be of a softer nature, and less support could be had from the growth of roots and stumps.

There has been no indication of settling in any part, excepting near the west side of the Hackensack River. Almost ever since the pipe was laid it has appeared as if the marsh on each side of the pipe was rising and the bank over the pipe settling, but so slightly as hardly to be perceptible; and no leaks ever having occurred in consequence of the pipe drawing apart, which would be the natural effect of settling, the conclusion was, that there was either no settlement, or that, if any, it had taken place over a considerable extent, and so slightly as not to effect the stability of the work.

Recently, however, it has been found that two or three of the joints in the pipe box west of the syphon, had drawn so much as nearly to pull apart.

The pipe in this place rests on rollers, so as to allow a motion in the direction of its length, and is inclined downwards towards the marsh. The fact of this separation at the joints shows that the pipe near the river, and perhaps for a considerable distance from it, has settled a little, and the joints where the pipe is covered by earth bank, offering greater resistance to the tendency to pull apart than those in the pipe box, these have been separated, while the others are not affected.

To provide for any further settling of the pipe it would be well to put in a slip joint west of the syphon, which would allow the pipe to move without drawing the other joints

It has been found necessary to re-cover the pipes for the whole distance across the marsh. They were at first covered one foot deep, and the bank made at light as possible, as any considerable weight would have a tendency to settle the pipe. Heavy rains had washed the bank and caused it to slide away from the pipes, and in some places where the bank was composed of marsh material, it had dried up and more or less was blown off by every passing wind, so that there was danger from frost if left without more covering In the spring it would be well to sod the whole bank, or sow it with grass seed.

The syphon and pipe box across the Hackensack river are in good order; by keeping a current of water moving through these pipes, during cold weather, as before mentioned, no trouble from freezing is apprehended.

## DISTRIBUTION OR BERGEN RESERVOIR.

This reservoir has not been entirely filled. On the 10th of October, the water was within five feet of the maximum level. From that time till the 1st of December, in consequence of the engine being stopped most of the time, for putting in the check valve, and for other changes, the water was drawn down. It is now gradually filling.

The advantage of a distributing reservoir of the size of this one, has been clearly shown by the experience of the last three months; since when it was only about two thirds full, it was found sufficient for the supply of the city for over six weeks, and with economy, the supply might have been made to last much longer.

This, no doubt, is ample for the supply of the city for many years to come, for although there will always be the same necessity for keeping a large quantity of water stored up in this reservoir to guard against accident to the pumping machinery, and although the increasing wants of the city might render it inadequate for collecting any such long continued supply as it now affords. The best means of guarding against the failure of the supply will be the erection of another engine which, by dividing the labor of pumping will diminish the liability of accident, and in case of accident will, in connection with this reservoir furnish the means of an abundant and unfailing supply.

So far as the reservoir has been tested it has been found tight and in good condition, excepting in one or two places on the outside of the bank where the sodding and loam under it have slipped, owing to not having been properly rammed when it was put on.

During the fall, the ground around this reservoir has been graded, and the dwelling house standing within the enclosure put in order for the superintendent, and is now occupied. This reservoir being within a convenient distance of the city will probably be much resorted to, and a small expenditure for general improvement of the place would be applied to a good purpose.

## PIPE WORK IN THE CITY.

This is in good condition, and but little trouble is caused by leaks. The greater part of the leaks that have occurred since the pipes were first filled with water have been in the 4th ward where, from the difficulty in laying the pipes, caused by water and quicksand, some trouble was apprehended. The pipes in some streets in that section have settled and require more repairs than all the rest of the work. With the exception of such places the work stands remarkably well.

The following is a statement of the amount of pipe work done from the commencement to the first of January:

*Length of Pipe in feet for each size in inches.*

| | 36in. | 26in. | 24in. | 20in. | 16in. | 12in. | 6in. | 4in. | Totals. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Previous to July, 1854. | 2541 | 3420 | 96 | 38472 | 1411 | 10085 | 52307 | 1349 | 109,681 ft.—18 miles 4641 ft. |
| Since July, 1854, | 5 | | | | | 2039 | 7618 | 3209 | 12,871 ft.— 2 miles 2311 ft. |
| Total, | 2546 | 3420 | 96 | 38472 | 1411 | 12124 | 59925 | | 122,552 ft.—21 miles 1672 ft. |

*Stop-cocks and Hydrants.*

| | 36in. | 26in. | 20in. | 16in. | 12in. | 6in. | 4in. | Hydrants. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Previous to July, 1854. | 2 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 19 | 81 | 1 | one hundred and thirty-three. |
| Since July, 1854, | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | twenty-one. |
| Total, | 2 | 2 | 13 | 3 | 21 | 83 | 3 | one hundred and fifty-four. |

Included in the amount laid since July are
1043 feet of 12 inch
1225 " " 6 inch
415 " " 4 inch
laid down by the Patent Water and Gas Pipe Co. at a cost of $1 90, 75, 45 cents per foot for the three sizes respectively. The cost of the same size pipes of cast iron would have been $2 15, $1 05, 70 cents per foot.

These pipes with the exception of the 12 inch have given satisfaction. Owing to the insufficient manner of securing the end of the 12 in. pipe by a cap or plug, and the unfirm nature of the ground where it was laid, considerable trouble was experienced for some time after it was put down; but it is now perfectly tight, and it is believed will continue to answer the purpose.

From the experience afforded by this trial of cement pipe, there is no reason to doubt its adaptation to the purposes of water supply, where there is no tendency in the ground to settle or shake, and it may be that a further trial will prove that it is applicable even in such places. I would not, however, recommend the use of it in any places where water or an uncertain foundation are likely to be met with; for there must always be greater difficulty in laying it in such places, than cast iron pipe, and therefore greater liaiblity to leak. The delay caused in repairing leaks in such places may be such that the saving in first cost would hardly be an equivalent.

The hydrants are in good order; and wherever they have been used, have worked well. Since the introduction of water but few fires have occurred but in evry case the efficiency of the water in checking their progress, has been plainly shown, and has been the subject of congratulation of all.

With an abundance of fire hydrants, and a head of water of more than one hundred feet in the highest part of the city, there is no city in the country more safe from the ravages of fire than this.

The expectations of the first projectors of these works have been fully realized in the advantages derived from such a supply ; for, besides the reduction of the rates of insurance to the New York standard, since the danger of destructive fires is so much diminished, every one feels a confidence in the capacity of the works, nearly amounting to a certainty that fires will be extinguished almost before they are fairly started ; and the general experience now is, that more damage is done by water than by fire.

The kind of hydrant adopted here, and which has been used throughout the city, is the "flush hydrant" as it is called. Considerable fault has been found with them by the firemen, not in consequence of any failure to answer the purpose intended of them but from a belief that they may cause some trouble and inconvenience, and perhaps, also in consequence of a strong prejudice against them, before they were put in operation. But, it is believed no trouble has yet been experienced with them, and that, if a fair trial is given they will prove satisfactory.

For the proper security of the hydrants, and in order always to feel a certainty that they are in good condition and ready for any emergency, the use of them by any but the agents of the Water Commissioners and members of the fire department for necessary purposes connected with the department, should be strictly prohibited ; and the firemen will best show their appreciation of the value of the water, as an assistant in their labors, by an economical application of it.

The inculcating of lessons of prudence in the use of water, at this early day in the history of the works, may be considered by some out of place and untimely ; since even a considerable waste may not cause inconvenience for some time to come But the experience of other cities should teach us those lessons, and the cry we hear from all these places "economise and discontinue this unneccessary waste" should not be lost upon us, if we have any regard for the interests of the city and the economical supply of water.

For these reasons all should feel, that, while there is an abundance for all useful and necessary purposes, it would be an abuse of one of the greatest blessings they enjoy, to allow the water to run in reckless waste from their premises, or to be expended in washing the outside of engine houses, or in case of fires to be thrown on in quantities ten times greater than is needed, until it would seem as if the buildings would float from their foundations. And if anything more were needed to enforce the necessity of proper prudence, it will be well to recollect that the water that supplies the city, however abundant the source may be, does not flow freely and of its own accord from the stream that furnishes it, the quantity only limited by the capacity of the pipes that convey it, but must first be elevated at considerable cost ; and therefore any unnecessary waste is not to be guarded against because of any anticipated failure of the source of supply, but because such waste entails a considerable expense without conferring any benefit.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. BAILEY,

Engineer Jersey City Water Works.

*Pipes and other Castings on hand Jan. 1st, 1855.*

| | 36in | 26in | 20in | 16in | 12in | 6in | 4in | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Straight pipe in ft, | 51 | 102 | 266 | — | 255 | 68 | 212 | |
| Curve pipe in feet, | — | 17 | 51 | — | — | — | — | |
| Sleeves, | 2 | 8 | 15 | 1 | 14 | 6 | 9 | |
| Caps, | — | — | — | — | 2 | 15 | 32 | |
| Hydrant branches, | — | — | — | — | 3 | 2 | — | |
| Hydrant bends, | — | — | — | — | — | — | 11 | |
| Y branches, | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | |
| Stop cocks, | — | — | 2 | — | — | 15 | 1 | |
| Hydrants, | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 7 |
| Double hubs, | — | — | — | — | — | 9 | 10 | |
| Hyd frames&covers | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 28 |
| Covers for stopc'ks | — | — | — | — | — | 16 | — | |

*Amount of Pipe required to July 1st, 1855.*

| *Streets.* | *4in. ft.* | *6in. ft.* | *branches* | *stop cock* | *hy.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| On Piers for supplying shipping, | 1000 | | | 3 | 3 |
| Mercer street, | | 600 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Wayne street, | | 500 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Steuben street, | | 700 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Prospect street, | | 2860 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| South 1st, from Jersey avenue to Erie, | | 480 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| South 2d, from Coles to Monmouth, | | 420 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| South 4th, from Coles to Monmouth. | | 420 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| South 5th, from Coles to Brunswick, | | 900 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Railroad avenue, Grove street and Brunswick, | | 2500 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Varick, from Railroad avenue to Wayne, | | 250 | 1 | 1 | |
| Mercer st. and Jersey street connection, | | 150 | | | |
| For Hydrants, | 300 | | | | |
| | 1300 | 9780 | 19 | 18 | 21 |

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for account of the Jersey City Water Works to January 1, 1855.*

*Dr.*

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| To amount recd. by sale of Proving Press, | | $96 25 | |
| " " " " old iron pipe, | | 291 95 | |
| " " " " old lead pipe. | | 87 58 | |
| " " " " shanty at Belleville, | | 50 00 | |
| " " " " two steam engines, | | 1,400 00 | |
| " " " coal at Belleville, | | 29 43 | |
| " " " " telegraph poles, | | 4 00 | $1,959 24 |
| " " " " 632 Jersey City Water Bonds, | | 632,000 00 | |
| " " ' as premium on Bonds sold, | | 19,506 20 | |
| " " " interest on loans to banks and individuals, secured by bonds. | | 25,215 41 | 676,721 61 |
| " " at credit of bills payable acct., being for notes and acceptances, given as follows : | | | |
| " Merchants' Ex. Bank, as security for loan $6,000 00 less paid on acct. of same, | 1,022 36 | 4,977 64 | |

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| " John B. Chollar, for iron pipes, | 1,500 00 | |
| " John Remsen, as security for this sum, received from him on loan, | 500 00 | |
| " John B. Chollar, for iron pipes, | 3,077 63 | |
| " Stickney & Beatty, coal for engine. | 1,141 23 | |
| " Mercantile Bank, loan, | 12,000 00 | |
| " John B. Chollar, for iron pipes, | 753 43 | |
| " J. & C. Collins, in settlement for work at Bergen Hill Reservoir, | 1,039 62 | |
| " Noble Hammett & Co., coal for engine, | 1,166 68 | 26,156 23 |
| " amt. recd. as loan from Jas. G. King's sons, | 15,000 00 | |
| " " " " Wm. & John O'Brien, | 2,000 00 | 17,000 00 |
| " " " for privilege of using bridge for telegraph wires, | 300 00 | |
| " " " being water rents collected to Dec. 20, for two-thirds of a year, commencing Sep 1, 1854, and ending May 1, 1855, | 13,757 88 | |
| " " " from City Treasurer, being surface tax collected to December 20, 1854, | 3,345 24 | 17,403 12 |
| | | $739.240 20 |

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| By amt. charged to interest account, | 63,947 88 | |
| " " " Mercantile Bank acct. to pay interest coupons, due 1st Jan., 1855, | 20,349 06 | |
| " " " commission acct., | 1,005 00 | 85,301 94 |
| " " " pipe acct., | 236,706 88 | |
| " " " pipe laying acct., | 88,910 51 | |
| " " " pipe yard acct., | 6,393 66 | |
| " " " do. do. labor acct., | 5,867 22 | |
| " " " pipe box acct., | 7,569 49 | |
| " " " Syphon acct., | 1,738 40 | |
| " " " Hack. bridge acct. | 9,526 99 | 356,713 15 |
| " " " En. Depart. acct., | | 19,080 18 |
| " " " Land acct., | | 36,198 50 |
| " " " stop cock and hydrant acct., | | 10,585 14 |
| " " " crane acct., | | 264 75 |
| " " " Bergen Hill Reservoir acct., | 52,137 88 | |
| " " " Belleville Reservoir acct, | 34,792 86 | 86,930 74 |
| " " " engine and pump acct., | 35,656 09 | |
| " " " engine-house acct. | 84,116 64 | 119,772 73 |
| " " " fuel acct., | 4,858 11 | |
| " " " oil acct., | 79 10 | |
| " " " pumping engine acct., | 270 50 | 5.207 71 |
| " " " office expense acct. | 2,690 58 | |
| " " " incident. ex. acct., | 1,865 84 | |
| " " " com. salary acct., | 7,875 00 | |
| " " " G. H. Bailey, chief engineer, acct., for incidental expenses, | 300 00 | |
| " " " preliminary examination and expense acct., | 1,631 67 | 14,363 09 |
| " " " service pipe acct., | 2,413 04 | |
| less received for permits for stop-cocks, | 1,915 00 | 498 04 |
| " " " Water Celebration acct., | | 2,377 92 |
| " " " sewerage acct., | | 15 50 |
| " " " pipe repairs acct., | | 11 85 |
| " " " T. F. Titus, clerk acct., | | 7 77 |
| " Balance in Merchants' " Exchange Bank, | 536 43 | |
| " " " Hudson Co. Bank, | 146 05 | |
| " " " Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, | 30 71 | |
| " Bills receivable on hand, | 1,001 71 | |
| " Cash on hand at office, | 196 32 | 1,911 22 |
| | | $739,240 20 |

THOS F. TITUS, *Clerk.*

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the following elections, resignations, and expulsions in that department, viz:

Election of John Hodges, John M. Alden, Patrick King, and Edward Wheelan by Engine Co. No. 2.

Election of Patrick O'Maley, Hiram McCarty, James Reidy and George H. Booth, by Engine Co. No. 4.

Election of James Robertson, John Denver, George Fewkes, Frederick Kissam, Thomas Bishop, Thomas M. Gopsill, and John D. Fraser, by Hose Co. No. 1.

Election of Ebenezer Berry by Hose Co No. 2.

Resignation of Brenton B. Grinnell, John H. Broas, Ludlow Dumont and James Cohill from Engine Co., No. 2.

Resignation of Squire P. Romans from Hose Co., No. 4.

Expulsion of W. M. S. Garrison from Hose Co., No. 4.

Expulsion of J. Hoare, Alexander McMullin, C. Somers, William Eastborn, Francis Cassady, Wm. Kennedy, and Anthony Kennedy.

The elections were approved, the names of the newly elected members ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued, the proper entries of the resignations to be made, and the names of the expelled members to be stricken from the roll of the fire department.

A communicatian was presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the transfer of George W. Smith from Engine Co. No. 4 to Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2. The transfer was approved, and the proper entry ordered to be made on the roll book of the fire department.

A communication was presented from the chief engineer of the fire department stating, that through an error of the secretary of Hose Co. No. 1 the name of James H. Corwin had been returned in the list of expulsions from said company. He not having been expelled. Communication referred to committee on fire and water.

A communication was presented from the chief engineer of fire department stating, that Washington Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2 asked permirsion to change their name to Americus Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2 — Leave to make the change granted.

The city clerk presented a remonstrance filed in his office on the 18th day of January last, signed by Patrick Brady and others, against the opening of Grove street, and two remonstrances filed in his office on the 31st of January last, against the opening of Jersey street, signed by Cornelius Van Vorst and others, and by Joseph Quaife and others. Remonstrances referred to committee on streets.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz:

Application to have a main sewer constructed through South 5th street, from the east side of Prospect street to the west side of Monmouth street, or two hundred feet west of Erie street, etc

Filing reports of commissioners of estimate and assessment, from opening Jersey avenue betwwen Newark and Railroad avenues.

Filing of reports of commisssioners of estimate and assessment, for opening Grove street, etc.

Reports received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was—

Resolved, That the committee heretofore appointed to draft amendments to the City Charter be discharged.

The special committee appointed to report suitable rooms for the use of the Common Council and City Officers, presented a map of property owned by J. H. Gautier, on the corner of Gregory and Henderson streets, with a proposition in writing from Mr. Gautier to lease the same for a period of five years. At a rent of $1000 a year for the whole building, or the upper stories, for $650 a year; and submitted a report recommending the hireing of the whole, or the two upper stories of said building, on the terms proposed.

On motion of Ald Greene, it was—

Resolved, That the report be received, and the committee instructed to lease the whole building for a period of five years, on the terms and conditions contained in the proposition.

A report from the chief of the day police, of the number of places and names of the proprietors where intoxicating liquors are sold, was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the corporation paper,

The com. on laws and ordinances reported on the communication of Daniel Crane, referred to them on 5th September last, in reference to lands under water, stating that the assessments had been legally made, and recommending that the same be collected. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The com. on laws and ordinances, to whom was referred on the 2d of May, 1854, the communication of Walter Rutherfurd, presented on the 5th of August, 1851, in relation the poor house farm, reported that a decree has been given against the city, and the costs have been paid. Report received and ordered filed.

The com. on laws and ordinances, to whom was referred on the 11th of October, 1854, the communication of George H. Bailey, chief engineer of the water works, in relation to fire hydrants, reported that an ordinance concerning hydrants has been passed and published. Report received and ordered filed.

The com. on laws and ordinances, to whom were referred on the 19th December, 1854, the petitions of Francis King and Henry King for leases of property described in the declarations of sale, which accompanied said petitions, reported that said declarations of sale operate as full and sufficient leases. Reports received, adopted and the declarations of sale ordered to be returned to the petitioners.

The committee on laws and ordinances, to whom were referred on the 19th September, 1854, petitions of Francis King and Henry King for leases of property bought by them at corporation sales, reported that the petitions are erroneous in respect to the date of said sales, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions. Reports received and adopted.

Ald. Greene offered a resolution which was amended on motion of Ald Davenport, by the addition of the following words, viz.:

" And that the parties of whom the same shall be purchased will accept, in payment of the same city bonds, payable with interest in six months from the delivery of the articles purchased."

The resolution as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Nay—Ald Greene.

Absent—Ald Low, Slater and Tyrrell.

The resolution as passed being as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated for the purchase of the necessary furniture and fixtures for the new school house, in the Fourth ward, and that the Board of Education are hereby authorized to secure such necessary furniture and fixtures, provided the cost does not exceed the amount hereby appropriated; and that the parties of whom the same shall be purchased will accept in payment of the same city bonds, payable in six months from the delivery of the articles purchased.

The committee on fire and water to whom was referred on 16th January last, a copy of resolutions adopted by the foremen and assistant foremen of the companies comprising the fire department, presented a report, accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be authorized to make such arrangements as they may deem necessary and proper, to have the bells of the churches in the city rung by the city watchmen in cases of fire, and to adopt such rules and regulations as to the mode of such ringing as they may deem proper.

Resolved, That the committee on fire and water be instructed to have posts painted white, inserted near each central hydrant.

Resolved, that the sum of one dollar be paid in each case to the watchman who shall first ring a church bell on the occasion of a fire. Report received and resolutions adopted.

The committee on fire and water, to whom was referred on 16th January last, the petition of David Jones and others, to have an appropriation made for purchase of a carriage for Hose Co. No. 4, reported adversely to granting the prayer of the petitioners, for the reason that the appropriation in the tax or dinance for the fire department is exhausted. Report received and adopted.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on 11th of July last, the petition of John G. McLaughlin, in reference to a side walk in York street, reported has been completed to the satisfaction of said petitioner. Report received and ordered filed.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on 13th September last, a communication from John Post, in reference to a grievance he is laboring under, caused by the surface water from Newark avenue running across Prospect street reported that they know of no way of relief, except by building a sewer, and recommended that the petitioner obtain the signature of the property owners to a petition for a sewer. Report received and ordered filed.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on the 15th August, 1854, a communication from T. & J. Slater, containing propositions in respect to Bevan's maps, reported that the contract with Mr. Bevan has been cancelled, and recommended that no further action be taken in the subject. Report received and ordered filed.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on the 17th of October, 1854, the communication of Bacot & Wood, city surveyors, in respect to a system of street and lot numbers for their new maps of the city, presented a report recommending that they adopt the same plan of numbering that has been adopted by the common council. Report received and ordered filed.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on 21st November, 1854, the petition of J. G. McLaughlin and C. Fink, in relation to the regulation and paving of York street reported that they have complied with the request of the petitioners. Report received and ordred filed.

The committee on streets to whom was referred on 7th November, 1854, the petition of P. H. Zabriskie and others to have until the first day of July next, the privilege of filling in, in front of their property in Varick, Putnam, Gilchrist and Canal streets, and in case the parties to be assessed for said improvements do not complete it by the time, then the same shall be executed under the direction of the Common Council, presented a report recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Report received and adopted.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred with power on the 5th December, 1854, the petition of N. Y. and Erie Railroad Co, for permission to extend their track across Hudson street, during the pleasure of the Common Council, reported that the track has been laid across said street, and street repaired. Report received and ordered filed.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on 5th September, 1854, the petition of Henry Stiff for remission of a fine imposed on him by the Recorder for violation of a city ordinance, reported that from the affidavits annexed to said petition, the committee are of opinion that some error has been committed, and recommended that the fine be remitted. Report received and adopted.

The committee on assessments presented the assessment for regulating Hudson street, from Essex street to Bergen street, and the same was ordered to be filed in the city clerk's office.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city clerk be directed to give notice through the corporation paper, that the assessor's report and map for regulating Hudson street from Essex street to Bergen street, is on file in the city clerk's office, No. 15 Montgomery street, and that the Common Council will meet at the Common Council Chamber, on third Tuesday in February, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M., to receive and consider all objections to such assessment which may be presented in writing. The resolution was adopted.

Ald Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued under the direction of the committee on finance in favor of Charles A Tanner for four thousand six hundred dollars, being on account of his bill for regulating Prospect street from Bay st. to Pavonia avenue, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None

Absent—Ald Low, Slater and Tyrrell.

A communication was presented from Bacot & Wood, city surveyors, containing a proposition to furnish the Common Council with copies of the new city and ward maps, which said surveyors are making. Communication referred to committee on streets.

The committee on sewers, to whom was referred on the 9th January last, the petition of H. & G. Soule, for the construction of a sewer in South 5th street, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners Report received and recommendation adopted.

The three following entitled ordinances were presented and laid upon the table:

By Ald. Hill,

"An ordinance amending an ordinance regulating the fire department."

By Ald. Hill,

"An ordinance further prescribing the duties of street commissioners."

By Ald. Thompson,

"An ordinance relative to the issuing of improvement certificates."

A communication was presented from John Bayer and others, barbers, of Jersey City, asking permission to keep open their shops from 7 until 11 o'clock on Sabbath mornings. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows;

By Ald. White—

Whereas application has been made to the mayor and common council for the construction of a main sewer in South 5th street, from the east side of Prospect street to the west side of Monmouth street, with its tributaries, and the usual notice for objections having been duly published; therefore,

Resolved, That a main sewer be constructed in South 5th street, from the east side of Prospect street to the west side of Monmouth street with the necessary tribitaries through South Fourth street, South Sixth, Grove, Erie, Jersey avenue, Coles and Monmouth streets, according to the plan of sewerage heretofore presented by the water commissioners and adopted by the common council, and Erastus Randall, John V. Brower, and Stephen Quaife be appointed commissioners to assess and report the estimated cost of the main sewer and its tributaries, in conformity with the requirements of the city charter and an ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Jersey City, approved June 28th. 1854, and that the operation of this preamble and resolution be suspended until the applicants shall deposit in the city treasury the sum of $75.

The preamble and resolution were adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge,Gardner, Greene Hill. Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Low, Slater and Tyrrell.

By Ald. Rappleyea.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine and report at their earliest convenience, the validity of a certain bond and mortgage given by Selah Hill to the Common Council of Jersey City.

The resolution was adopted, and Ald. Rappleyea, Cleveland and Keeney were appointed such committee.

By Ald. Hill,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft amendments to the city charter and attend the passage of the same before the legislature now in session at Trenton, and that James S. Davenport be chairman of said committee.

The resolution was adopted; and Ald. Hill, Keeney, Gardner and Edge were appointed such committee, to which, on motion of Ald. Hill, the President was added.

By Ald. Thompson,

Resolved, That a bond for five hundred and sixty-two dollars and three cents be drawn in favor of Alexander Wines, for hose furnished the city, and that the mayor and city clerk be requested to sign the same, at ninety days from the 20th Jany., 1855.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Low, Slater and Tyrrell.

By Ald Thompson,

Resolved. That the committee on finance are hereby instructed to publish in the corporation paper notice of the expiration of the time for redemption of property sold on the 15th April,1853, for assessments.

The resolution was adopted.

By Ald Thompson,

Resolved, That the city attorney is hereby directed to notify, in the manner prescribed by the city charter, the parties who sold mortgages on property sold to the city treasurer for the city for unpaid taxes and assessments between May 1852, and May 1853.

The resolution was adopted.

By Ald Hill,

Resolved, That the committee on streets be, and are hereby authorized,to advertise and receive proposals for making surveys, maps, and assessment calculations for street improvements, lineal measurment, a specification of which will be made by said committee, from first May next,for one year. The resolution was adopted.

By Ald. White.

Resolved, That the assessment for opening Jersey street, into Jersey avenue, be referred back to the commissioners for correction. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the rule requiring a balloting was suspended, to enable the board to appoint viva-voce day policemen, and the following were appointed, viz: John Van Pelt and George C. Clark from Fourth ward, Jarvis L. Ayres from the Third ward, James Wallace from the Second ward, Jonathan H. Baldwin and Joseph H. Fairbanks from the First ward.

On motion of Ald. White, it was—

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be instructed to notify the parties from whom the city hire the Common Council Chamber, and the City Clerk's and Recorder's offices, that they will not require them after the first of May next.

A communication was presented from Ephraim Treadwell & Sons, and Samuel H. Barrett, for the privilege of driving their waggons in Jersey City, for the purpose of supplying grocers with biscuits and crackers of the petitioners manufacture. Referred to committee on police and licenses.

Ald. Low appeared and took his seat.

The committee on fire and water, to whom was referred on the 5th December last, the claim of H. Rathbone, amounting to $6 50, for refreshments furnished at the fire in July, 1854, to Hose Co. No. 2, by order of George Moore, reported the same correct.

Ald. Edge moved that the claim be paid.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Thompson, White and Cleveland:

Yeas--Edge, Gardner, Low and Whitlock.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson and White.

Absent—Ald. Slater and Tyrrell

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Special Meeting at the City Clerk's office, Monday, February 13th, 1854, called by his Honor the Mayor, at the request of Ald. Edge, Lyon and Cleveland, to consider the bill now pending before the Legislature, "to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company," and take such measures in relation to it, as may be deemed necessary to guard and protect the interest of the city.

In the absence of the President. the board was called to order by the City Clerk, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Hill, James, Low, and Miiler.

On motion of Ald. Lyon, Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President, *pro tempore.*

The call of the meeting was read.

The act now before the Legislature, entitled "An act to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company" was read.

On motion of Ald. Narine, the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On the reassembling of the Board, Ald Lyon presented the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, A bill is now pending before the Legislature of this State, relating to the shore in front of, and seriously affecting the interest of Jersey City.

Therefore, Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor, be requested to call a meeting of the citizens at the old Reformed Dutch Church in Grand street, west of the Square, on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., at 7½ o'clock, P. M., to consider such bill.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to forward the passage by the Legislature of the amendments to the City Charter, together with Ald. Edge and the City Attorney, be authorized and directed to proceed to the city of Trenton without delay, and prevent by all honorable means, the passage of an act now pending before the Legislature, entitled an act to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company."

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, be signed by the President, *pro-tem*, and City Clerk, and that the seal of the city be attached thereto, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and laid before the General Assembly by the Committee.

The preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Ald. Narine it was

Resolved, That the preamble and resolutions just passed, be signed by the President *pro tempore*, and by the City Clerk, and that his Honor the Mayer be requested to sign the same, that the seal of the city be affixed thereto, and that the same be laid before the General Assembly by the Committee.

Ald. Lyon submitted the following memorial:

*To the Honorable the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey.*

The memorial of the Mayor and Common Council of Jersey City, respectfully represents that they have heard with considerable surprise, that an act is now pending before the House of Assembly, which has already passed the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the Jersey Shore Improvement Company," which seriously affects the interest of the city, and of the details of which our citizens have had no information until this time, that said act if passed, will seriously effect and impair the municipal power granted to your memorialists by the Legislature of this State, and will prevent the use by the public of the water front, and place the whole control of such front in the hands of persons not residing in this State, and having no regard for the public interest—that said act does not in any way attempt to guard the public interests or provide that the improvements contemplated thereby shall ever be made, and your memorialists are apprehensive from the secret manner with which said act has been passed through the Senate, that the objects of the applicants for its passage is more to forward private interests than the public weal. Your memorialists, therefore, protest against the passage of said act, and respectfully ask that any further action thereon may be postponed, until the same can be considered by the citizens of Jersey City, and such alterations can be proposed as will guard and protect the public interests. And your memorialsts will ever pray, etc., in testimony whereof this memorial is signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, and the corporate seal of the city is affixed thereto this 13th day of February, in the year 1854.

The memorial was approved of, and adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Brower, Slater, and Edge.

Yeas—Ald. Brower, Cleveland, Edge, Gardner, Lyon, Narine, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Hill, James, Low and Miller.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting. February 20th, 1855.

Present—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Low, Tyrrell and White

Absent—Ald. Edge, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the 6th inst. and of the special meeting of the 13th inst., were read and approved

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of Charles F. Betts and others to have a lamp placed on the north west corner of Barrow and Bright streets. Ref to committee on lamps

Remonstrance of the Morris canal and Banking Company against the assessment for regulating Hud-street, from Essex to Bergen streets. Ref to committee on assessments.

Petition of James F. Fielder and others, for permission to lay a single railroad track from the Morris canal at the foot of Henderson street along Henderson street to Newark avenue, etc. Ref to committee on streets.

Communication from S. A French, R. H. McCleary William B. Dunning and Charles M. Hankins, committee of the fire department, asking the common council to make the annual donation to the fire department. Received, and on motion of Ald Low a warrant for one hundred dollars was ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of S. A. French, chief engineer of the fire department, as a donation to the fire department fund association

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Ingham & Hall, $26 90; John H. Sickles, $266: A. B. Reynolds, $14 69; and T. W. Morehouse, $19 75. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of J. B. Davis, $7 50; and S. Quaife, $5. Ref. to committee on finance.

Of Cronham & Wetterson, $5 44: William Whitley, $49 74; and William M. Beach, $171 09. Ref to committee on alms.

Of H. H. Fenn, $185 Ref to committee on police and licenses.

Of J. F. Richardson, $10 50. Ref to committee on watch

Of Cronham & Wetterson, $1 19. Ref to committee on police and licences.

Of Vanorden & Noble, 50. Ref to committee on schools.

Of P. W. Griffing, $2; W. Bumstead, $197 32; Cronham & Wetterson, $2 25; W. Rosevelt, $40; Cronham & Wetterson, $1 13; and G. W. Wilson, $0 38. Ref to committee on public grounds and buildings.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office, on the 19th instant, was laid before the board, read and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City. Feb. 19, 1855

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I have received, and return without my approval, a resolution passed by your honorable body, on the 6th inst. instructing a special committee, of your board, to lease from Dr. J. H. Gautier, for the use of the city, his building situate at the corner of Henderson and Gregory streets, for the term of five years, at the yearly rent of one thousand dollars.

Since the resolution has been officially before me, I have examined the premises in question, and learn that the committee propose to have the upper story altered for the common council chamber. The second story for offices, for the city clerk and the recorder, and propose to let the first story, or use it for a watch house. The location is central, but the building with all the proposed alterations, in my judgment, will not be well adapted to the present or growing wants of the city—no provision is made, and the capacity of the building is insufficient to erect proper cells and provide suitable rooms for the city marshal, which in my opinion should be located in the immediate vicinity of the recorder's office and watch house.

Under the present financial embarrassments of our city and country, it should be our aim, as it is our duty, to guard with jealous care, every new and additional expenditure, more especially where such expenditure will yield no return. The city is now under rent for the common council chamber, including light and fuel, $150, and for the offices for the clerk and recorder and the watch house, $350 more; making in all $500. By the new arrangement proposed by the resolution before me, this rental alone, would be increased to $1000, besides the additional expense that must necessarilly be incurred, for carpets, furniture, etc, in fitting out the building. If the city prison and the marshal's house are to remain in their present locality, then, instead of the proposed change, it would be far preferable, if economy and convenience are to be regarded, to rent the whole of the Lyceum, and transfer the offices of the city clerk and recorder to that building.

There cannot, however, in my judgment be a doubt, that the true policy of the city is, to continue the use of the buildings and rooms now occupied, until grounds can be secured, on some public thoroughfare, in a central locality, and a building erected for a public hall with stores underneath, and the necessary public offices in front of the hall, together with a house for the marshal and the police department attached to the same, but located on the lots in the rear, and fronting on the opposite street. These buildings should be erected in a plain but substantial manner, and they will answer the wants of the city for the next ten or fifteen years, and the stores and offices not required for the city, can no doubt be rented out annually, to pay the interest on the entire outlay, and thereby free the city entirely from rent. These buildings can be used for temporary occupancy until the city is able and prepared to locate and erect a permanent city hall; and whenever that time shall come, these grounds and buildings can no doubt be disposed of for more than their original cost. My views upon this subject were foreshadowed in my last annual message and still remain unchanged.

Under these circumstances I return the resolution for your further action.

D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald Low moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the mayor.

On motion of Ald Hill, Ald Low's motion was laid upon the table.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 20th inst. was laid before the board and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council.

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be instructed to notify the parties from whom the city hire the common council chamber, and the city clerk's and recorder's offices, that they will not require them after the first of May next.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City Feb. 20th, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

I herewith return without my sanction a resolution instructing the committee on public grounds and buildings to notify the parties from whom the city hire the common council chamber, and the city clerk's and recorder's offices, that they will not require them after the first of May next.

I returned on the 19th inst, with my objections a resolution instructing a special committee of your honorable body to lease for a term of years a building to be used for a common council chamber, and offices, for the clerk and recorder, and as that resolution has a direct bearing upon this, it would be unwise in my judgment, to give up or abandon the rooms we now occupy, until you shall have definitely agreed upon and secured others ; you will therefore see the propriety of returning this resolution without my signature.

D. S. MANNERS.

The following message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 19th instant, was laid before the board, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the assessment for opening Jersey street, into Jersey avenue, be referred back to the commissioners for correction.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Feb. 19th, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

I return unapproved, a resolution directing the "assessment for opening Jersey street into Jersey avenue," to be referred back to the commissioners for correction.

I am informed that the above named assessment, was made out by the commissioners duly appointed for said purpose, and filed by them in the office of the city clerk in the manner prescribed by the city charter. That the city clerk gave the required notice of the filing of said assessment,—and that within thirty days from the filing of the same, a majority or one half of the owners of lands assessed for the improvement, filed with the city clerk their remonstrance against said improvement.

In a case like this, the charter expressly, directs, that it one half of the owners of the lands assessed, shall file their remonstrance with the city clerk, within thirty days after the filing of the assessment, *the common council shall proceed no further in such improvement under that application ; and all costs and expenses incurred by the common council in such proceeding, shall be repaid to the city by the petitioners for such improvement,*—as the assessment and remonstrance have been filed in pursuance of law, no power is conferred upon your honorable body to remove them from the files or custody of the city clerk.

The charter is so directly in point in the case before me, and its directions so plain and simple that in my judgment their can be no difference of opinion. Therefore without dilating upon the subject, I return the resolution for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

The following message from his honor the mayor filed in the city clerk's office on this 20th inst., was laid before the Board and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the common council.

Resolved, That the committee on streets be, and are hereby authorized, to advertise and receive proposals for making surveys, maps, and assessment calculations for street improvements, lineal measurment, a specification of which will be made by said committee, from first May next, for one year. The resolution was adopted.

Mayor's Office,
Jersey City, Feb. 10, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

I herewith return unapproved a resolution authorizing the street committee to advertise for proposals for making surveys, maps, and assessment calculations, lineal measurement, for one year from the first day of May next.

The charter directs that "the city surveyors shall perform such duties, and receive such compensation as the common council shall by *ordinance direct* and *award.*" This simple charter objection is fatal to the resolution, no person could propose for the above named work but a city surveyor, and his duties must be prescribed and compensation fixed by an ordinance, and not by a resolution as is proposed. Besides the next common council may see proper to appoint but one city surveyor to perform the work above proposed, and if you should contract with another, your proceedings under this resolution would not be binding or legal. Had no charter objections interposed, I could not concur in this novel and extraordinary mode of securing the professional services of a city surveyor.

D. S. MANNERS.

A communication was presented from his honor the mayor announcing the suspension of John A. Topping, a city watchman, on charges brought against him by the captain of the watch, accompanied by said charges. Communication and charges referred to the committee on watch.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department announcing the election of James W. Palmer as a member of engine Co No. 3, and the expulsion from the same company of William B Shotwell, M. McCullam and D. Smith.—Communications received and filed ; the election approved, the name ordered to be enrolled, the usual certificate of membership to be issued ; and the names of the persons expelled ordered to be stricken from the roll of the fire department.

A communication was presented from the collector of assessments, stating that through an oversight, lot 89 on block 50, was omitted in his returns to the common council of delinquents on assessment for regulating Warren street, from Montgomery to Morgan streets. Ref to committee on finance with power to advertise and sell.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz :

"Confirmation of assessment for regulating Hudson street, from Essex street to Bergen street." Report received and ordered filed.

The special committee appointed on the 5th December, 1854, to investigate the difficulties between the 3d and 4th Ward pound keepers, returned the petition of John Francisco, referred on the 5th December, 1854, and the petition of Peter N. Horsley, referred on the 9th January last, asked to be and were discharged.

Ald Cleveland presented an ordinance entitled "an ordinance for the suppression of intemperance." The ordinance was laid upon the table.

Resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

By Ald White—

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of William Bumsted, for three hundred and twenty dollars, being the last payment on account of contract for the mason work of hook and ladder house on the corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets. The resolution was adopted.

By Ald Greene—

Resolved, That there shall be elected at the coming charter election, four constables, one from each ward and that the city clerk give notice to the ward clerks accordingly. The resolution was adopted.

By Ald Davenport,

Whereas, The Hudson Brigade have before the Legislature an act "entitled an act relating to the Hudson Brigade," as a substitute for the act of March, 1852, which act levies a tax of Fifty Cents upon the Citizens of Hudson County, and the act now under consideration by the Legislature, exempts the members of the Brigade from Jury duty, and also imposes a tax of Fifty Cents upon the Citizens of Hudson County; and provides for four and not more than six parades annually, besides other powers, uncalled-for and unjust. And,

Whereas, The enrolling the Militia of Hudson County is uncalled-for, at any rate as provided for in said act. And,

Whereas, The Act is partial, local, and only applicable to Hudson County, therefore unjust and oppressive. And,

Whereas, If the Legislature deem the enrolling of the Militia of the State of so much importance, they should pass a General Law for the whole State. And,

Whereas, Some of the provisions of the act, are in opposition to the genius of our institutions, anti-democratic, and the imposing of such a tax in times of peace uncalled-for. Therefore,

Resolved, So far as Jersey City is concerned, that our Senators and Representatives, be requested to use their influence against the passage of the act now before the Legislature, and also to ask for the repeal of the act of March, 1852, or so much thereof as imposes a tax upon the citizens of this city.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preambles and resolution be forwarded to his Excellency the Gov. of the State, to the Hon. the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, and our Senator and members of Assembly, with the request that they present them to their respective bodies.

Resolved, That his Hon. the Mayor, and President of the Board, and the City Clerk sign the same, affix the seal of the city thereto, and forward them to Trenton.

The preamble and resolutions were adopted.

By Ald. Tyrrell,

Resolved, That a committee of four, consisting of one alderman from each ward be appointed, and that a warrant for one thousand dollars be drawn on the city treasury in favor of said committee, for the purpose of relieving the wants of the poor in their respective wards, who are not entitled to receive aid from the alms house.

The resolution was adopted, and Ald. Tyrrell, Cleveland, Gardner and Hill were appointed such committee.

By Ald. Hill,

Resolved, That an appropriation of fifty dollars be made to remunerate the mayor, for moneys expended by him for stationery during the year past, commencing May 1st, 1854.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald Davenport a warrant for three hundred and seventy-three dollars and twenty-eight cents, was ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of David Bedford, receiver of Woolley & Sanderson, in compliance with the terms of the resolution passed on the 15th August last.

The following entitled ordinances were taken up for consideration, on motion of Ald. Hill, and were disposed of as follows, viz:

"An ordinance amending an ordinance regulating the fire department."

The ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The president, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardener, Greene, Hill, Low, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Edge, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

"An ordinance further prescribing the duties of street commissioner." Read, laid upon the table again, and ordered to be printed on slips, for the use of the common council.

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, and laying side walks and cross walks at all the intersections where required in York street from the centre of Henderson street to the centre of Jersey street."

The 1st section of the ordinance was amended, and the title of the ordinance was amended by striking out the words, "centre of Jersey street" and inserting "west side of Jersey street."

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Low, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

"An ordinance to provide for the opening of the north side of Railroad avenue from its junction with Newark avenue to the east side of Grove street."

The blanks were filled, and the ordinance was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Low, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, curbing and guttering, Montgomery st., between Barrow street and Jersey avenue, including intersections."

The first section of the ordinance was amended, and the title amended, so as to provide in addition for "paving, flagging the sidewalks on the north side five feet wide, and laying crosswalks at all the intersections."

The ordinance was passed as amended by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Low, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and Whitlock.

The return by collector of arrears of taxes of a list of delinquent tax payers for the present year, was presented and referred to the committee on finance, with instructions to advertise and sell according to law.

On motion of Ald Low, J. B Dunn's claim for $8, numbered 5027, was taken from the table, and referred to the committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Subsequently the claim was reported correct, and ordered paid.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of H. A. Miller & Co. $138 37; G. W. Cassedy, $66 40; J. H. Vondy. $50; J. F. Richardson, $3 50: W. Eaton, $20 50; J. F. Richardson. $31 50; J. McDonald. $140, and H. Billingsley, $25 50.

The following claims, referred to committees at previous meetings of the board, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of R. D. McClelland. $125 19; R. & J. McLaughlin, $37 44; Alexander Love. $11; J. Wakefield, $51: R & J. McLaughlin, $107 13, and Jersey City Gas Light Co., $17 10.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, it was

Resolved, That when this board adjourns it will adjourn to meet at the common council chamber, on Tuesday the 27th inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Ald Low the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Adjourned meeting, Febeuary 27th, 1855.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President and Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Slater.

On motion of Ald Cleveland Ald. Tyrrell was appointed President *pro tempore*

A petition was presented from Snedden and Hanretta, proprietors of the Passaic dining saloon, for remission of balance of fines imposed upon them for violation of city ordinances. Laid upon the table.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows;

Of J. V. Brower, $15; and C. M. Holmes, $15. Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of M. McLaughlin, $35 45. Ref. to committee on schools.

Of J. B. Dunn, $2 61. Ref. to committee on sewers.

Of Isaac Wakefield, $13 35. Ref. to committee on lamps.

The committee on assessments, to whom was referred, on the 20th instant, the remonstrance of the Morris Canal and Banking Company against the assessment for regulating Hudson street, from Essex to Bergen street, reported that they have had an interview with the remonstrants, and have ascertained that they have no objections to the assessment, but do not wish, by paying the same, to acquiesce in the altering of the width of said street. Report received and ordered filed.

Resolutions were presented by the committee on assessments, and disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That two per cent. be added for collector's fees to the amount of the assessment for regulating Hudson street, from Essex street one hundred feet south, and that said assessment be confirmed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Slater.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of James F. Fielder for nine hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety-four cents, being the amount of his bill for regulating Hudson street, from Essex street to one hundred feet south, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President and Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Slater.

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Bacot & Wood for forty dollars, being the amount of their bill for maps and surveys, for regulating Hudson street, from Essex st., to one hundred feet south, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—The President, and Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low, Rappleyea and Slater.

Ald. Cleveland offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the city clerk be, and is hereby, directed to have all ordinances now on the table, or that may hereafter be presented, printed on slips for the use of the common council, except ordinances for street improvements. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Davenport the board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting. March 6th, 1855.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Greene, Hill, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low and Whitlock.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Regular meeting, Maach 20, 1855.

Present—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene. Hill, Keeney, Low. Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Absent—Ald. Whitlock.

The minutes of the previous three meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc, were presented and disposed of as follows;

Three summonses under the lien law, at the suit of Thomas Harper, Thomas Carberry and John Connelly on liens against the Third Ward School House. Ref. to City Attorney.

Two communications from the registrar, stating that the water rents of lot 3, Washington street, on block 31, and lots 5 to 8 Washington street on block 49. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

Communication from Bacot & Wood, city surveyors, asking leave to withdraw their proposal to furnish city maps. Laid upon the table.

Petition of Thomas McGuire and others, for the erection of a lamp and post on the corner of Coles and South Second streets. Ref. to committee on lamps.

Petition of Joseph N. Hancox and others, to have South Seventh street, between Jersey and Newark avenues, regulated, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Wm. Bavier, to have refunded the fine imposed upon him for violation of city ordinance.

Ald. Slater moved, "That the prayer of the petitioner be not granted, and that said petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition."

Ald. Thompson moved to refor the petition to the Committee on Police and Licenses.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Slater, Edge and Rappleyea:

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Hill. Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene and Slater.

Absent—Ald. Whitlock,

Petition of Henry Fowler and others to have the sidewalk laid on the easterly side of Grove street, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Communication from Trustees of Jersey City Fire Department Fund Association, containing nominations of suitable persons as Fire Wardens. The communication was received and the persons named appointed Fire Wardens The following are the names of the persons appointed:

First Ward—Abraham S. Jewell, John H. Broas.

Second Ward—Joshua A. French, Jacob Z. Marinus.

Third Ward—Thomas Howes, John McGuigan.

Fourth Ward—Wm. B. Keeney, S. M. Hoffman.

Petition of L. R. Bailey and others to have sunken lots in Bright street, between Barow street and Jersey avenue, filled up. Ref. to committee on streets.

Communication from J. H. Gautier stating, that in consequence of the delay occasioned by the Mayor's veto of the resolution authorizing the hiring of the building corner of Gregory and Henderson streets, possession of the same cannot be obtained before the 1st of May next, by Mr. Gautier, which will prevent the making of alterations in season. Received and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of S.W Treadwell, $1 37 and $9 13; T. F. Trippe, $10; T. Pringle, $185 60; W. Roosevelt, $259 92; S. Hetherington. $127 76; D. Keenan, $1 50, and D. Keenan, $210 40. Referred to committee on public grounds and Buildings.

Of W. Flitcroft, $14 69; $38 25; $59 94; C A. Tanner, $20; C. Partridge, $12 62; and T. F. Fielder, $1 25; $14 25; $15, and $2 90. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of Ingham & Hall, $9 65; W. Flitcroft, $5, and W. Flitcroft, $5 Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of A. T. Smith, $200. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of D. Gould, $24; J. Narine, $28; J. A. Van Buskirk, $28, and J. S. Hutton, $28 Ref. to committee on assessments.

Of Kemp & Ward, $183 49; E. Hope, junior, 12; D. B. Wakeman, $15 83; S. Billington, $9; Hugh Riley, $65 48; W. Whitley, $64 37; Drayton & Durant $201 01; W. Whitley, $352 30; Hugh Riley, $16 38: Wetmore & Co., $1 51; Ingham & Hall, $3; J. L. Burst & Co., $1 55; W. B. Shotwell, $2; Jersey City Cemetery, $100 50; S. A. French, $1; C. Murphy, $14 78 and M. Sharp, $198 31. Ref. to committee on alms.

The city clerk laid before the board a message from his honor the mayor, filed in the city clerk's office, on the 26th February, vetoing the resolution appointing a committee to draft amendments to the city charter and attend to their passage by the legislature. The message was read.

Ald. Slater moved, "That the message be received and entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council" The motion was lost.

Ald Davenport moved "That the message be returned to his Honor the Mayor by the City Clerk," which was amended, on motion of Ald Slater by the addition of the following words—"as a paper too undignified and insulting to be entertained by the Common Council."

The motion as amended was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald Edge, Low, and Cleveland—

Yeas—The President, and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater and Tyrrell

Nays—Ald Edge, Low, Thompson and White.

Absent—Ald Whitlock.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor filed in the City Clerk's office on the 6th instant, was presented, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

By Ald Hill.

Resolved: That an appropriation of fifty dollars be made to remunerate the mayor for moneys expended by him for stationery during the year past, commencing May 1st, 1854.

The resolution was adopted.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, Feb. 5th, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

The resolution adopted by your honorable body on the 20th ult, " That an appropriation of fifty dollars be made to remunerate the mayor for *monies expended by him for stationery* during the year past—cemmencing may 1st, 1854" is herewith returned without my approval.

I would be unfaithful to the trust reposed in me, if I should pass over in silence this deliberate act of your honorable body, performed under the solemnity of the oath you have taken for the faithful and conscientious discharge of your public duties, and recorded on your journal by the unanimous consent of your members then present.

However transparent and glaring the motives of this act so far as it affects me personally, I have no feelings whatever, but its reflection upon the office, the good people of this city have entrusted to me, merits my warmest indignation—and it will be viewed by all good and intelligent citizens as a reproach to the office as long as our history shall be read, or the shores of our city shall continue to be washed by the tide of the sea.

Apart from this view of the subject, the resolution is not only unfounded in fact, but unwarranted by the charter, unfounded in fact, because it proposes to pay the mayor *fifty dollars for monies expended by him for stationery*, which is more than *twenty times* the amount *actually expended by him* during said period for said object. It is unwarranted by the charter, because no appropriation was made in the tax ordinance of the current year for this object, and the contingent item in said ordinance has long since been exhausted.

It is a wise and salutary provision of the charter which confers upon the mayor, the power to arrest by the exercise of the veto, the rash and ill considered legislation which sometimes characterizes the proceedings of your honorable body.

I deem the resolution passed rashly, for it is evidently intended to show your disapprobation of a course which has been thrice annually sustained by the decision of that tribunal to which you gentlemen, as well as myself must bow, (the people)

It is inconsiderate, for reflection must convince you, that it exhibits a very feeble appreciation of services gratuitously rendered to the city, for a period extending now to seven years

If however your honorable body should persist in re-passing this resolution, I shall feel at liberty to expend the amount appropriated in such a manner as would best secure the future interests of the city, and I would therefore cause the resolution to be engrossed with the names of the gentlemen by whose votes it became a law, and having it properly framed would display it in the office of your clerk or some public hall, in order that future common councils might be warned against falling into a similar perversion of the high and reponsible power entrusted to them, and forgetfulness of those courtesies and amenities which should ever characterize official intercourse.

With sentiments of great respect, I have the honor to remain yours, D. S. MANNERS, Mayor.

Ald. Low moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and White.

Absent—Ald. Whitlock.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor filed in the city clerk's office on the 6th inst. was presented, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the CommonCouncil.

By Ald. Tyrrell.

Resolved, That a committee of four, consisting of one alderman from each ward be appointed, and that a warrant for one thousand dollars be drawn on the city treasury in favor of said committee, for the purpose of relieving the wants of the poor in their respective wards, who are not entitled to receive aid from the alms house.

The resolution was adopted, and Ald. Tyrrell, Cleveland, Gardner and Hill were appointed such committee.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, March 6, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council :*

I herewith return without my approval a resolution constituting a committee of four aldermen, one from each ward, and authorizing a warrant to be drawn on the city treasury in favor of said committee for the purpose of relieving the wants of the poor in the respective wards, who are not entitled to receive aid from the alms house.

This resolution is so palpably at variance with the charter and the ordinances under it, that it can only be necessary to refer you to some of their provisions to convince you of its impropriety.

It contravenes the charter, because there is no appropriation set apart, as required by that instrument, for this special object (the support of a class of poor not entitled to relief by the poor master). Besides, the proposed committee would not, under the charter, be authorized to receipt for this money, or dispense it in the manner suggested.

The only authorized head acknowledged by the charter, who can legally dispense alms from the public funds is the *overseer of the poor*, and whose duties are prescribed by an ordinance.

The 6th section of that ordinance directs, that "He shall receive applications from persons seeking relief, and shall diligently and faithfully inquire into their circumstances and situation, and distribute such sums of money or quantities of fuel or food to the out door poor as their circumstances, in his discretion, and under the advice of the committee on alms, may require." It will be seen that under this clause of the ordinance, the overseer of the poor has full power to aid and relieve all persons deserving support at the public expense. All that excellent and efficient officer requires is an appropriation at your hands sufficient to meet the demands made upon him.

I therefore return the resolution for reconsideration. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Slater moved "That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was lost by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—Ald. Cleveland, Hill and Tyrrell.

Nays—The President and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and White.

Absent—Ald. Whitlock.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office on the 8th inst., was presented, received and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of the proceedings of the common council.

By Ald. Greene—

Resolved, That there shall be elected at the coming charter election, four constables, one from each ward and that the city clerk give notice to the ward clerks accordingly. The resolution was adopted.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, March 7, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I return without my signature, a resolution adopted by your honorable body on the 20th of last month, authorizing the election of four constables, one from each ward, at the coming charter election.

The fourth section of the charter directs, that their should be "as many constables in each ward as the common council shall determine by resolution, passed two months before the election." The only objection I have to the resolution before me, is, that it was not passed two months before the coming charter election, and thereby does not conform to the requirements of the charter; you will, therefore at once see the propriety of withholding my signature from the resolution. D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Slater moved "That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardener, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nay—Ald. Low.

Absent—Ald. Whitlock.

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor, enclosing a warrant signed by himself and the city clerk, pursuant to order of the Board, in favor of E. Chamberlain & Co., for $168, for materials furnished for the public school house in 4th Ward, and calling the attention of the board to the illegality of issuing the warrant, etc. The communication was received and ordered filed.

Ald. Greene moved "That the comptroller be requested to countersign the warrant, and the city clerk to deliver the same to the party in whose favor it is drawn."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Edge, Low and Rappleyea

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater. Tyrrell and White.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Low and Thompson.

Absent—Ald. Whitlock.

The City Treasurers annual report, and his report for January and February 1855, were presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The Recorder's report for the quarter ending January 31st, 1855, was presented and ordered to be printed in the Corporation Paper, and filed in the City Clerk's office.

Communications were received from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the following elections, resignations, and expulsions, from the fire department, viz:

Election of S. C. Lathrop by Hook and Ladder Co., No. 2; J. J. Hill and Albert Smith, by Engine Co. No. 5; and Thomas Calton by Hose Co. No. 2.

Resignation of John Faulkner, Michael English, Thomas English, John Welch, John Snody, Henry French, James Doyle, John Ryley, Thomas Ryley, John Campbell and Henry Flaherty, from Engine Co. No. 1; of C. C. Hutchinson, from Engine Co. No. 3; of Theodore F. Morris, from Hose Co. No. 3, and of Addison P. Rowly and Frederick Boorman, from Engine Co. No. 4.

Expulsion of George W. Romaine, Alexander Striker and Robert O. Hannon, from Engine Co. No. 1; and of Thomas H. Bridgwood William Barr, Anthony Dobbing and John Travis, from Engine Co. No. 4: of D. B. O. Romans, from Engine Co. No. 5, and of George Phelps, from Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1.

Communications received and ordered filed; elections approved, the names ordered to be enrolled and the usual certificates of membership to be issued, the proper entries of resignations to be made, and the expelled members to be stricken from the roll of the fire department.

A communication was presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, enclosing a statement of Engine Co. No 1, to the effect that at the reorganization of the fire department the following names were omitted, etc., viz:

Benjamin F. Champney, James Wilson and Jacob Staib.

Communication received and ordered filed, and the city clerk directed to enroll the above named persons as members of the fire department.

The city clerk presented a report of publication of notice of filing of the report and assessment map by the commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost of building a sewer in Essex street, from Van Vorst street, to the Hudson River with its tributaries. Report received and ordered filed.

Reports of committees were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of committee on laws and ordinances on the subject of the judgment obtained against the city by John R. Lawyer; accompanied by the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasury in favor of John R. Lawyer for one hundred dollars, in full for all damages, injuries and claims which he may have for himself or any other parties against the city to this date.

Jersey City, March 20th, 1855.

The report received and resolution adopted.

Of committee on streets on petition referred Feb.

20th, 1855, of James F. Fielder and others for permission to lay a single railroad track from the Morris canal, at the foot of Henderson street, recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

Report received and adopted.

Of committee on streets on communication, referred 7th February last, of Bacot & Wood, city surveyors containing proposition to furnish city maps, recommending that the proposition be not accepted. Report received.

Of committee on watch on charges, referred 20th February last, against John A. Topping, city watchman, stating that the committee find the charges sustained, and recommending that he be suspended during the pleasure of the common council. Report received and adopted

Of committee on police and licenses, on communication referred on the 6th February last, of E Tradewell & Son and S. H. Barrett, asking the privilege of driving their waggons in Jersey City for the purpose of supplying grocers with biscuits and crackers of petitioners manufacture, recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Report received and recommendation adopted.

Of committee on police and licenses adverse to granting the prayer of John Bayer and other barbers, for permission asked in their petition, refered on the 6th February last, to keep open their shops from 7 till 11 A. M. on Sundays, the report stating that the matter is one controlled by the laws of the State. Report received and ordered filed.

Of committee on assessments on the claims of Bacot & Wood and others for services in making assessments, reporting the same correct for the following amounts:

Of Bacot & Wood, $75; R. D. McClelland. $25; C. M Holmes. $4; J. V. Brower, $4; S. Quaife, $4; E. Randall, G. V. Brower and S. Quaife. $12; S. F. Noyes, $4; S. Quaife 4; A. Wilson $4; and reporting as not correct the claim of G. H. Bailey amounting to $75. On motion of Ald Cleveland the report was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Said report being as follows:

The committee on assessments to whom was referred the following bills:

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| R. D. McClelland, for searches in the matter of opening Jersey street, | $25 00 |
| Bacot & Wood, for surveys, etc., | 150 00 |
| S. F. Noyes, commissioner, | 70 00 |
| S. Quaif, do., | 70 00 |
| A. Wilson, do., | 70 00 |
| S. Quaif, commissioner for opening Grove-st. | $15 00 |
| Chas. M. Holmes, do. do. do. | 15 00 |
| J. V. Brower, do. do. do. | 15 00 |
| Chas. H. Bailey, for surveys, etc., for sewer in Essex street, | $75 00 |
| E. Randall, commissioner for do. do. | 50 00 |
| J. V. Brower, do. do. do. | 50 00 |
| S. Quaif, do. do. do. | 50 00 |

Would respectfully report.

As respects the claim of R. D. McClelland, they find the city charter provides that the salary of no officer shall be increased during his term of office. Yet, as the services rendered are no part of his duties as city attorney, but properly belong to the county clerk, and for which the city would have been obliged to pay had he been employed to do it; therefore, your committee have reported the bill correct.

Your committee have met with some embarrassment in auditing the claims presented by the commissioners of the three assessments above named, and by referring to the charter for guidance, find in city charter title 6, section 59, the following:

Sec. 59. And be it enacted, That all commissioners of assessments, appointed by, or under this act, shall before they proceed to the duties of their appointment, subscribe and take an oath before the mayor or city clerk, faithfully, honestly, and impartially to perform the duties required of them, and shall receive such compensation for their services as the common council shall by general ordinance fix and ordain.

Your committee find by referring to the general salary ordinance, that the common council have fixed the compensation of commissioners of assessments at four dollars for each assessment.

Your committee find by referring to the charters, title 6, part of 55 section, the following:

"And all costs, and expenses incurred by the common council in such proceedings shall be repaid to the city by the petitioners for such improvements; and the common council may make such regulations, touching the receiving, and proceeding upon such petitions, and security for the expenses thereof, as they may deem proper."

The course pursued heretofore by the common council in relation to the applications for opening streets and building sewers, has been to require the applicants to deposite a specified amount of money with the city treasurer, but your committee cannot ascertain that there has been any money deposited with the treasurer to meet any of these expenses, nor that the common council have made any provisions for the payment of these bills, except as is provded in the general salary ordinance. Therefore, under the circumstances, being guided by the charter, without expressing any opinion in relation to the correctness of the amount charged by the several persons above named, are compelled to report the following claims correct for the following amounts:

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| S. F. Noyes. | bill | for | $70 00 | Correct for | $4 00 |
| S. Quaif, | " | " | 70 00 | " " | 4 00 |
| A. Wilson, | " | " | 70 00 | " " | 4 00 |
| S Quaif, | " | " | 15 00 | " " | 4 00 |
| C. M. Holmes, | " | " | 15 00 | " " | 4 00 |
| J. V. Brower, | " | " | 15 00 | " " | 4 00 |
| E. Randall, | " | " | 50 00 | " " | 4 00 |
| J. V. Brower, | " | " | 50 00 | " " | 4 00 |
| S. Quaif, | " | " | 50 00 | " " | 4 00 |

The bill of Bacot & Wood for surveys and maps for the opening of Jersey street is, in the opinion of your committee, entirely too large for the services rendered, and have reported it correct as follows:

Bacot & Wood bill $150 00 Correct for $75 00

The bill of Chas. H. Bailey, for surveys and assessment maps for building sewer in Essex street, your committee have had under consideration, and knowing Mr. Bailey is employed by the water commissioners, and as the water commissioners have the supervision of the building of sewers, your committee would report adverse to the payment of this bill, and refer Mr. Bailey to the water commissioners for the adjustment of his claim.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES S DAVENPORT, }
J. B. CLEVELAND, } Committee on Assessment.
J. R. THOMPSON, }

Jersey City, March 20, 1855.

(Ald. Low obtained leave to retire.)

Ald. White moved "That the apportionment made by the commissioners of estimate and assessment of the cost of building a sewer in Essex street, from Van Vorst street to the Hudson River, with its tributaries, be assessed, and that the water commissioners be requested to have said sewer constructed."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Low and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of William Rosevelt for $148 83, being the balance due him on contract for building hook and ladder house.

Ald. Hill offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets be, and are hereby directed to advertise and receive proposals for furnishing, painting, lettering, numbering, and putting up street sign boards on the corners of all the streets, avenues, lanes, and alleys, on the buildings and fences now erected on said corners aforesaid, in Jersey City, except where the names are now up.

The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on public grounds and buildings be authorised to cause an iron railing fence to be erected on the side of hook & ladder house in Van Vorst st, at an expense not exceeding one dollar and seventy five cents per foot.

The resolution was not adopted.

The following entitled ordinance was presented by Ald. Hill, and laid upon the table, viz;

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, grading, curbing paving, flagging side walks, laying cross walks, and guttering Montgomery streeet, between Barrow street and Jersey street, including intersections.

On motion of Ald Davenport, it was

Resolved, That when the board adjourns it will adjourn to meet again on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., at the city clerk's office

(Ald Gardner and Edge obtained leave and retired)

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution which was adepted :

Resolved, That the city clerk be requested to give the usual notice relative to the meeting of the common council on the 29th inst., to audit accounts.

Alderman Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be, and are hereby authorized, to borrow for the use of the city, One Thousand Dollars for five years, at and after the rate of 7 per cent. Interest per annum, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be requested to sign and issue a bond or bonds for the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge, Low and Whitlock.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That permission be, and is hereby granted to the owners of property on the east side of Hudson street, Jersey City, to curb, gutter and lay a side walk on the east side of said street, from Montgomery street to Jersey street, according to the law regulating such street improvements.

The resolution was referred to the committee on streets

Ald Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Samuel McLaughlin be permitted, under the direction of the street committee, to erect a fence for the protection of his property, the same to extend from the corner of Greene street to the corner of the railroad shop, where a row of posts are now standing.

The resolution was referred to the commmittee on streets.

Ald Thompson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Henry M. Traphagen, for fourteen dollars and ninety-seven cents, being the amount of purchase money, including interest, from time of sale to the present, at the rate of six per cent per annum, of lot number nine, (9) Newark avenue, on block forty-seven, (47) sold in the name of M. Hart to said Henry M. Traphagen, June 9th, 1854, for taxes of 1853 ; a mistake having been made in advertising Mr. Hart's lot for sale as number nine (9,) instead of number seven (7,) and that said warrant be delivered to Henry M. Traphagen on his surrendering to the city clerk the declaration of sale issued at such sale, and that the city clerk is hereby directed to cancel of record the sale aforesaid of the lot described as number nine (9,) on said block 47. The resolution was adopted.

The following claims were presented, referred to this appropriate committee afterwards, reported correct and ordered paid :

Of A. Love, $625 ; H. Billingsby, 50 cts ; J. F. Richardson, $1 ; H Billingsby, $25 50 ; J. F. Richardson, $31 ; W. Eaton, $20 50 ; Issac Wakefield, $30 76 ; H. A. Miller & Co., $92 60 . S. A French, $92 90 : Wm. Whitley, $125 ; J. F. Richardson, $8 ; C. M. Holmes, $21 78 ; N Ellis, $33 39 ; Day Police, $49 26 ; A. A. Rice, $25 ; James Gopsill, $50 ; G. Morrow, $10 39 ; W. J. Stevens, $11 25 ; Washington Fire Engine Co., $5 ; James Whalen, $1 50 ; Patrick Rooney, $10 ; W. Sharp, $543 06 ; F. C. Flowers, $4 ; and City Watchmen, $675 84.

The following claims referred to Committee at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid :

Of L. Jaquins, $50 ; John B. Davies, $7 50 ; S. Quaife, $5 ; E B. Wakeman, $83 23 ; Van Orden & Noble, $50 ; James B. Dunn, $2 61 ; M. McLaughlin, $35 45 ; John H. Sickles, $266 ; T. W. Moorehouse, $19 75 ; A. B. Reynolds, $14 69 ; Ingham & Hall, $26 90 ; Isaac Wakefield, $13 35 ; J. F. Richson, $10 50 ; Ingham & Hall, $3 ; Cronham & Wetterson $1 19 ; M. Sharp, $14 50 ; H. H. Fenn, $185 ; Cronham & Wetterson, $2 25 ; W. Bumstead, $197-32 ; W. Horton, $25 ; G. W. Wilson, 38 cts ; Cronham & Wetterson, $1 13; P. W. Griffing, $2; Wm. Rosevelt, $40; Cronham & Wetterson, $5 44; Wm. Whitley, $20 43.

Day Police, $24; W. Whitley, $49 74; Isaac S. Miller, $121 95; James Wiley, $2; E. Hope, Jr., $20; A. Hagan, $29 13; Drayton & Durant, $56 07; Wendell Green, $83 62; Wm. M. Beach, $171 09; Kemp & Ward, $270 17; W. Whitley $242 78; Anthony Brower, $24 07; and Wm. H. Murphy, $24 25.

The Committee on Finance reported as correct for $55 02, the claim of R. B. Kashow for $144 69, for the reason that the same was not certified by the proper officer, the report reducing the amount on account of the claim not being properly certified.

The Committee on Finance reported favorably on the claim of D. E. Gaviit $50 for fifty Directories and recommended its payment.

Ald. Thompson moved "That the claim be paid."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Hill, Davenport and white:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson and Tyrrel.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Green, Hill and White.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Adjourned meeting at the City Clerk's office, Thursday, March 29th, 1855, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low and Slater.

Petitions, communications, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of George S Appleton and L. R. Bailey to have Jersey street, from the north side of Grand street to Mercer street, paved, etc. Ref. to committee on streets

Resignation of Royal C. Betts as a city watchman, received and ordered filed.

Petition of Daniel Smith, in relation to claims of estate of Wm. Flitcroft, presented to Common Council on the 20th instant. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of Ingham & Hall, $20 70; E. D. Riley, $3 75; L. D. Landrine, $6 72; F. Parrott, $84 21, and L. Hover & Co., $20. Referred to committee on fire and water.

Of David Bedford, $3, and W. Whitley, $33 38 Referred to committee on alms.

Of L. A. Pratt & Co , $3 Referred to committee on public health.

A communication was received from the chief engineer of the fire department announcing the election of John A. Topping as a member of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2 Communication was received and ordered filed, the election approved, the name ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificate of membership to be issued.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the city treasurer, in favor of the Merchants' Insurance Co. in the city of New York, for fifty one dollars and fifty cents, being the premium on policies of insurance on the Fourth Ward school house, and on the hose carriage and hook and ladder house, corner of Grand and Van Vorst streets.

Ald White offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on public grounds and buildings be, and are hereby, authorized to remove the hose house on Van Vorst street to the lots belonging to the city, in Bright street, in the Third ward, at an expense not to exceed fifteen dollars.—The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, the vote was reconsidered by which the motion was adopted on the 20th inst, ordering the communication of his honor the Mayor, stating his objections to approving the resolution appointing a committee on amendments to city charter, to be returned to him etc.

On motion of Ald Cleveland the motion to return the communication, was amended by substituting the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas the city charter requires the "objections" filed in the city clerk's office, by his honor the Mayor, to the approval of ordinances or resolutions, affecting the interests of the city, shall at the first regular meeting ensuing such filing, be ordered by the common council to be entered in full on its minutes, after which it is the duty of the common council to consider the same, and which action is necessary under the provision of the charter, even though the "objection" be couched in disrespectful and insulting language, therefore

Resolved, That the objections of the Mayor to approving the resolution appointing a committee to prepare amendments to the city charter be received, and entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council, because the charter requires it, although on account of the offensive and undignified language contained in the message, it deserves to be sent back to the Mayor for a revision of the language.

The preamble and resolution were then adopted.

The communication of his honor the Mayor being as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to draft amendments to the city charter and attend the passage of the same before the legislature now in session at Trenton, and that James S. Davenport be chairman of said committee.

Mayor's Office, }
Jersey City, Feb. 24th, 1855. }

*Gentlemen of the Common Council:*

I herewith return without my approval a resolution appointing a committee of five, to draft amendments to the city charter, and authorizing them to attend the passage of the same, before the legislature at Trenton.

This resolution places the charter of our city—the chief, and only security thrown around our citizens, for the protection of their lives and property, in the hands of five of the members of your honorable body with unlimited power, to alter, and amend it, to suit their own peculiar views and prejudices; and also authorizes said committee, at the expense of the city, to proceed to Trenton and attend the passage of such amendments as they may see proper to propose. The committee have not submitted their proposed amendments to me, and I will venture to say they have not submitted them, to one in a thousand of our citizens whose charter they have assumed to alter and amend. To approve this extraordinary resolution, would be virtually approving in advance any amendment the committee might deem proper to draft, or any expenditure they might see proper to incur under the resolution; you must therefore at once, see the propriety of returning it, without my sanction. While I have thus briefly adverted to the objections which I entertain to the resolution before me, I feel called upon in this connection to urge my opposition to this practice of sending a committee of the common council every winter to Trenton to make amendments to the city charter.

It is less than four years since we obtained from the legislature our present charter, which was at the time submitted to, and approved of by a majority of our citizens, since which time, the common council have obtained no less than three or four supplements as amendments to it.

This practice of the common council visiting Trenton every year at the expense of the city, to amend the charter by piece-meal, is in my judgment growing to an abuse, and never did accord with my views of right, and if it is to be continued our charter will never be perfected, amendment, will be added to amendment, by every subsequent common council, whose members shall happen to have a desire to visit the capital during the session of the legislature, and in a very few years the charter with its amendments will become so voluminous, so intricate and complex, that no one will be able to read and understand it.

The expense incurred by the common council in obtaining the amendments of last winter notwithstanding they were furnished with a free ticket, by the N. J. R. R & T. Co., amounted to two hundred dollars or thereabouts. The particular items which made up the amount of this expenditure has never been published, the amount however was certified to be correct and paid. In my judgment this was an unnecessary, if not, an illegal expenditure. Had these same amendments been submitted to, and approved by a public meeting of our citizens and by the common council, ordered engrossed and certified to under corporate seal of the city, and then placed in the hands of our representative in the senate, or the assembly, with a request to have them passed into a law, in that shape, and there is no reason to doubt, but they would have passed in a law without the expense above referred to.

I am free to admit that I am in favor of a careful revision of the charter, by competent and skillful hands, for the purpose of perfecting and preparing such necessary amendments as are required for the better organization and efficiency of the several departments of our city government, but such amendments should emenate from, or be submitted to our citizens, before they are transmitted to the legislature to be enacted into a law. With these considerations I return the resolution for your further action.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Greene presented orders drawn by T. E. Johnson in favor of different parties, for monies to be paid out of the payment due him on his contract for building school house in Fourth ward, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the city treasurer for one thousand dollars, being the amount due T. E. Johnson on his fifth payment now due on contract for carpenters' work on school house in the Fourth ward, the warrants to be filled out and payable as per Johnson's orders:

To T. E. Johnson, for $92 38: J. L. Burst, $297 62; Rolf & Metlar, $400; John G. McLaughlin, $65; Lewis Mohr, $100; Joseph Y. Fonda, $45.—$1,000

The resolution was adopted.

A requisition was presented from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims:

Of Vanderbeek, Cameron & Co., $1 65; William Howe, $2 25; Thomas Howe, $1 66; B. R. Wakeman, $2 75; William Coleman, $8 19; R. B. Earle & Co., $10 68; Cronham & Wetterson, $2 25; Demarest & Howe, $2 22; Ingham & Hall, $113 07, and Isaac Wakefield, $9 07.

Ref. to committee on schools, afterwards reported correct warrants for the amounts ordered to be drawn in favor of the parties named in the requisition.

Rule requiring a balloting was suspended, and the following appointments were made to fill vacancies:

First Ward—Joseph M. Young, and William T. Rodgers, jr., judges of election.

Second Ward—John C. Robbins and James Flemming, senior, judges of election; James Flemming, jr. ward clerk.

Third Ward—John B. Haight, judge of election, in place of Edward Topping, who has removed from the ward.

Fourth Ward—James B. Dunn and J. V. Hardenburgh, judges of election.

On motion of Ald Rappleyea, it was

Resolved, That John A. Topping be reinstated as a city watchman from the Fourth ward.

The following were appointed as the places for holding the coming charter election in the several wards of the city:

First Ward—Hook and Ladder house, in Sussex st.

Second Ward—Old hose carriage house, in Van Vorst street, between York and Gregory streets.

Third Ward—Grove st. market, corner of Grove and Mercer streets.

Fourth Ward—James B. Dunn's carpenter shop, corner of South 6th and Erie streets, where election was held last fall.

The Comptroller's Annual Report was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

A statement by David Henderson, examiner, in reference to the accounts of the late city treasurer, Isaac S. Miller, was presented and referred to the committee on finance.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid:

Of D. Henderson, $33 33; E. B. Sippell, $174 77; L. A. Pratt & Co., $3 75; Bacot & Wood, $70; L. A. Pratt & Co., $7; James F. Fielder, $7 88; R. B. Kashow, $13 50; C. H. Winfield, $3 72; A. O. Zabriskie, $80; Joseph McCoy, $15; S. Quaife, $75; R. & J. McLaughlin, $8 80; H A. Miller & Co., $110 36; George Morrow, $45 58; R. D. McClelland, $109 44; R. B. Kashow, $4, and D. Smith, $200.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of D. B. Wakeman, $15 83; D. Keenan, $1 50: S. W. Treadwell, $9 13; W. Roosevelt, $259 92; D. Keenan, $210 40; S. Hetherington, $127 86; S. W. Treadwell, $1 37; John Pringle, $185 60; D. Gould, $24; J. Narine, $28; J A. Van Buskirk, $28; J. S. Hutton, $28; Wetmore & Co., $1 51; Drayton & Durant, $201 01; Kemp & Ward, $183 49: W. Sharp, $198 31; W. B. Shotwell, $2; Hugh Riley, $65 48; Ingham & Hall, $3; S. Billington, $9: W. Whitley, $64 37; W. Whitley, $352 30; C. Murphy, $14 78; John L. Burst & Co, $1 55; E. Hope, junior, $12; S. A. French, $1, and Hugh Riley, $16 35.

On motion of Ald. Hill the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting April 3rd, 1855.

Present—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Edge, Gardiner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Tyrrell.

The minutes of the preceding two meetings were read and approved.

Petitions and communications were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of George Griffiths to be appointed city watchman. Received and laid upon the table

Petition of William Gaul and others, property holders on South 3rd Street between Prospect street and Newark Avenue, to have said street filled in, &c Referred to Committee on Streets.

Communication from Stephen Quaife in reference to his appointment as Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment of the cost of opening Railroad Avenue, from Newark Avenue to Grove street. Received and laid upon the table.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of G. W. Dempsey, $5 75 ; John Crummey, $44 16 ; E Hope Jr., $3 ; and A. Hagan, $11 88. Ref. to committee on alms.

Of Ira Clark, $200 Ref to committee on streets.

Of Capron & De Klyn, $51 82. Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings.

The committee on streets reported on the resolution referred to them on 20th ult., granting permission to Samuel McLaughlin to erect a fence from the corner of Greene street to the corner of the Railroad shop, where a row of posts are now standing ; the report stating that the fence mentioned in the resolution has been put up a part of the way, and recommending that more posts be put up between those that are now standing in Mercer street by said Railroad, under the direction of the committee on streets. Report received and recommendation adopted.

The committee on streets, to whom was referred on the 20th ult., the resolution relative to the curbing, etc., of a part of Hudson street, presented an ordinance providing for the improvement, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling in, curbing, guttering, and laying side walk on the east side of Hudson st., from the intersection of Montgomery to the intersection of Essex street, the same width as that now laid south of Essex street, and that north of Mercer street." Report received and ordinance laid upon the table.

On motion of Ald. Davenport, it was

Resolved, That the applicants to have Railroad avenue opened, from Newark avenue to Grove street, be required to deposit with the city treasurer, the sum of fifty dollars to defray the preliminary expenses of such improvement, and that the city clerk be requested to notify the applicants of this action of the Common Council.

Ald Thompson offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, in our opinion, the preamble and resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen touching the veto of his honor the Mayor, contains an unmerited and unkind rebuke therefor.

Resolved, that the city clerk be, and he is hereby directed, to expunge the same from the records of the proceedings of this council.

The preamble and resolution were rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken, on the call of Ald. Thompson, Cleveland and Davenport:

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Low, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Nays—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, and Slater.

Absent--Ald. Tyrrell.

Ald. Low moved that the Ordinance presented on the 20th February last, entitled "An Ordinance for the suppression of intemperance," be taken up for consideration. The motion was lost.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate Committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of R. B. Earle & Co, $210 58 ; R. B. Kashow, $72 17; J. B. Haight, $5 25; Jersey City Gas Light Co., $2 83, 1 78, and $1 53 ; Capron & De Klyn, $2 60 ; John F. Ward & Co., $2 88 ; Wm. Pitcher, $21 04 ; Nathaniel Ellis, $87 50, and $33 35; City Watchmen, $672 55, and Day Policemen $48 00.

The following claims referred to Committees at previous meetings of the Board, were reported correct and ordered paid:

Of J. F. Fielder, $2 90 ; E. Reily $3 75 ; Ingham & Hall $ 9 65 ; F. Porrett, $84 21 ; Ingham & Hall, $20 70 : L. Hover, $20 ; L D. Landrine, $6 72 ; J. F. Fielder, $15, $14 25, and $1 25 ; A. T. Smith, $200 ; D. Bedford, $3 ; and Ingham & Hall $3.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Special meeting at the City Clerk,s office, Monday, April 16, 1855, at 8 o'clock, P. M., called by his honor the Mayor at the request of Ald. Thompson, Cleveland and Gardner, for the purpose of effecting a temporary loan for the use of the city.

In the absence of the President, the Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Absent—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater and Tyrrell.

There being no quorum present, on motion of Ald. Edge, the Board adjourned.

GEO W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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## COMMON COUNCIL.

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## BOARD OF CITY CANVASSERS.

In compliance with the provisions of the Charter of Jersey City, the Board of City Canvassers met at the Common Council Chamber, in the Lyceum, on Friday the Thirteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Charter election held on the tenth day of April. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

The Board was called to order by the City Clerk.

Present—Ald. Davenport, Thompson, Edge, Lyon, Greene, Keeney. and Rappleyea ; and George W. Cassedy City Clerk.

Absent—Ald. Hill

The following named Judges of Election, from the several wards of the city, appeared and presented the requisite certificates of their appointment, viz:

Edward O. Dummer, from the First ward—Benjamin Haines from the Second ward—Charles H. Winfield from the Third ward—J. V. Hardenbergh from the Fourth ward.

The certificates were received and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office

On motion of Ald. Lyon Ald. Greene was appointed Chairman of the Board.

The Chairman administered to each of the other members of the Board, and the City Clerk, the oaths required of them by the City Charter ; and Ald. Davenport administered to the Chairman of the Board the oath required of him by the City Charter.

Isaac W. Scudder Esq., appeared before the Board and asked permission to address the Board as Counsel in behalf of parties interested in the action of the Board of City Canvassers.

Ald. Edge moved "That Mr. Scudder be heard as Counsel on behalf of parties interested in the action of the Board of City Canvassers." The motion was rejected, on a division of the Board, two voting in favor of the motion and seven against it

Mr. Dummer produced and laid before the Board the original statement of the result of the election in the First ward.

A. O. Zabriskie, Esq., appeared before the Board and claimed to be heard as Counsel for a party interested in the result of the recent Charter election.

No objection was made and Mr. Zabriskie addressed the Board.

Ald. Thompson moved "That permission be granted to produce the tally of the election in the First ward." The motion was rejected on a division, three voting in favor of the motion, and four against it.

A communication from James Flemming Junior, clerk of the Second ward, stating that he has signed under protest the returns of the election in the Second ward, and giving his reasons for doing so under protest, was presented, read, received, and laid upon the table.

Mr. Cornelius C. Martindale, one of the Judges of Election in the First ward, asked permission to address the Board.

On motion of Ald. Thompson permission was granted and Mr. Martindale addressed the Board, relative to returns from the First ward.

Ald. Thompson moved "That A. O. Zabriskie Esq. be invited to give his opinion as to what constitutes the original statement of the result of an election as contemplated in the City Charter and the statutes governing the Charter elections.

The motion was adopted, and Mr. Zabriskie gave his views on the subject embraced in Ald. Thompson's motion.

On motion of Mr. Winfield the Board of Canvassers then (¼ before 7 o'clock P. M) adjourned to meet again on Saturday, the 14th instant, at the same place at 9 o'clock A. M.

H. A. GREENE,
Chairman of Board of City Canvassers.

Geo. W. Cassedy,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

Pursuant to motion adopted on the 13th instant, the Board of City Canvassers met at the Common Council Chamber in the Lyceum, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1855, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Board was called to order by its chairman, Ald. Greene.

Present—Ald. Lyon, Edge, Greene, Keeney, Rappleyea and Thompson, and Messrs. E. O. Dummer, Benjamin Haines, Charles H. Winfield and J. V. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Ald. Davenport and Hill.

Isaac W. Scudder, Esq., appeared before the Board, and asked leave to address them on behalf of parties interested in the action of the Board of City Canvassers.

On motion of Ald. Edge leave was granted and Mr. Scudder addressed the Board.

William H. Jeliffe asked permission to address the Board on behalf of parties interested in the action of the Board of City Canvassers.

On motion of Ald. Edge. leave was granted and Mr. Jeliffe addressed the board.

Ald Thompson offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas the delegate from the First ward, reports that the votes returned as rejected, were rejected in consequence of containing on them the office of Pond Master, and whereas, this board believes that the word Pond is a mistake in spelling, and is evidently intended for Pound, therefore, be it

Resolved. That the returns from the First ward be sent back to the judges, and that they be requested to render their report according to the original tallys as if the word Pond was spelt Pound.

The preamble and resolution were rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. Rappleyea, Edge and Thompson :

Yeas—Ald. Edge, Greene and Thompson.

Nays—Ald. Lyon, Keeney, Rappleyea, Messrs Haines, Winfield and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Ald Davenport.

Mr. Dummer asked to be, and on motion of Ald. Lyon was excused from voting.

Mr. Winfield offered the following resolution

Resolved, That this Board cannot hear further remarks from persons not belonging to the Board.

The resolution was adopted on a division, seven voting in favor of the resolution and two against it.

The statement produced and laid before the Board by Mr. Dummer as the original statement of the result of the election in the First Ward, was then received on motion of Mr. Winfield. On a division seven voting in favor of its reception and two against receiving said statement.

(Ald. Thompson and Edge obtained leave and retired.)

Mr. Haines presented the original statement of the result of the election held in the Second Ward.

The statement was read, received, and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

A protest signed by W. R. Drayton and John H. Low against the legality of the election in the Third Ward, was presented, read, and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Winfield presented the original statement of the result of the election held in the Third Ward. The statement was read, received, and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office

Mr. Hardenbergh presented the original statement of the result of the election held in the Fourth ward. The statement was read, received, and ordered to be filed in the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Winfield offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the votes cast in the Second ward for D. S. Manners be given to David S. Manners as they were evidently intended for him. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dummer it was—

Resolved, That the two votes cast in the First ward for D. S. Manners be given to David S. Manners as they were evidently intended for him.

On motion of Mr. Dummer it was—

Resolved, That the votes for Water Commissioner cast for H. M. Traphagen, be given to Henry M Traphagen, and the votes cast for J. Griffith be given to John Griffith, as they were evidently intended for them.

On motion of Mr. Winfield it was—

Resolved, That the vote cast for I. Van Saun, for Assessor, be given to Isaac Van Saun, as it was evidently intended for him.

The Board then proceeded to canvass the votes given for the city and ward officers, mentioned in the statements of the election in the several wards of the city.

The Board then proceeded to make a statement and final declaration of the names of the persons who received the highest number of votes for each of the offices mentioned in the statements laid before the Board, and of the names of the persons elected to said offices.

Mr. Winfield offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman and clerk of the Board of City Canvassers be authorized and directed to make out, sign and publish a statement and final declaration of the result of the charter election held on the tenth day of April, A. D. 1855, as made by this Board of City Canvassers.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Winfield offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman and clerk of this Board be directed to make out and present to the Common Council for payment, the claims of this Board for their services as City Canvassers.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Lyon the Board of City Canvassers then adjourned *sine die*.

H. A. GREENE,
Chairman of Board of City Canvassers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

## A STATEMENT

Of the result of an election held in Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, on Tuesday, the tenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, to elect city and ward officers, made by the Board of City Canvassers for said city.

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| Whole number of votes cast in the First Ward, | 496 |
| Whole number of votes cast in the Second Ward, | 404 |
| Whole number of votes cast in the Third Ward, | 640 |
| Whole number of votes cast in the Fourth Ward, | 562 |
| Whole number of votes cast in the city, | 2102 |
| Number of ballots rejected in the First Ward, | 195 |
| Number of ballots rejected in the Second Ward, | 11 |
| Number of ballots rejected in the Third Ward, | 5 |
| Number of ballots rejected in the Fourth Ward, | 7 |
| Whole number of ballots rejected in the city, | 218 |

### FOR CITY OFFICERS.

### For Mayor.

| | |
|---|---|
| David S. Manners received in the 1st ward | 87 votes |
| David S. Manners received in the 2d ward | 212 votes |
| David S. Manners received in the 3d ward | 326 votes |
| David S. Manners received in the 4th ward | 214 votes |
| Total, | 839 votes |
| Selah Hill received in the 1st ward | 203 votes |
| Selah Hill received in the 2d ward | 174 votes |
| Selah Hill received in the 3d ward | 302 votes |
| Selah Hill received in the 4th ward | 336 votes |
| Total, | 1015 votes |
| James Narine received in the 1st ward | 6 votes |
| James Narine received in the 2d ward | 2 votes |
| James Narine received in the 3d ward | 1 vote |
| James Narine received in the 4th ward | 5 votes |
| Total | 14 votes |
| D. S. Manners received in the 1st ward | 2 votes |
| D. S. Manners received in the 2d ward | 2 votes |
| D. S. Manners received in the 3d ward | 4 votes |
| Total, | 8 votes |

### For Water Commissioner.

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|---|---|
| Henry M. Traphagen rec'd in the 1st ward | 205 votes |
| Henry M. Traphagen rec'd in the 2d ward | 182 votes |
| Henry M. Traphagen rec'd in the 3d ward | 318 votes |
| Henry M. Traphagen rec'd in the 4th ward | 389 votes |
| Total, | 1094 votes |
| John Griffith rec'd in the 1st ward | 88 votes |
| John Griffith rec'd in the 2d ward | 206 votes |
| John Griffith rec'd in the 3d ward | 307 votes |
| John Griffith rec'd in the 4th ward | 157 votes |
| Total, | 758 votes |
| Robert Gilchrist rec'd in the 1st ward | 1 vote |
| J. Griffith rec'd in the 1st ward | 1 vote |
| H. M. Traphagen rec'd in the 2d ward | 1 vote |
| Traphagen rec'd in the 2d ward | 1 vote |
| Cornelius Van Vorst rec'd in the 3d ward | 2 votes |
| H. M. Traphagen rec'd in the 3d ward | 1 vote |
| Total scattering votes, | 7 |

### For School Superintendent.

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|---|---|
| Charles Hoover rec'd in the 1st ward | 230 votes |
| Charles Hoover rec'd in the 2d ward | 187 votes |
| Charles Hoover rec'd in the 3d ward | 320 votes |
| Charles Hoover rec'd in the 4th ward | 460 votes |
| Total, | 1197 votes |
| Lewis Colby received in the 1st ward | 68 votes |
| Lewis Colby received in the 2d ward | 190 votes |
| Lewis Colby received in the 3d ward | 314 votes |
| Lewis Colby received in the 4th ward | 88 votes |
| Total | 660 votes |
| William Powers received in the 3d ward | 1 vote |
| William Powers received in the 4th ward | 1 vote |
| Total scattering votes | 2 |

### For Collector,

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|---|---|
| Lorenzo Jaquins received in the 1st ward | 269 votes |
| Lorenzo Jaquins received in the 2nd ward | 375 votes |
| Lorenzo Jaquins received in the 3d ward | 608 votes |
| Lorenzo Jaquins received in the 4th ward | 523 votes |
| Total, | 1775 votes |
| Jesse Platt reveived in the 1st ward | 22 votes |
| Jesse Platt received in the 2nd ward | 9 votes |
| Jesse Platt received in the 3d ward | 23 votes |
| Jesse Platt received in the 4th ward | 14 votes |
| Total, | 68 votes |
| Ira J. Hill received in the 3d ward | 1 vote |
| Total scattering | 1 vote |

### For Assessors.

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|---|---|
| Ira Clark rec'd in the 1st ward | 227 votes |
| Ira Clark rec'd in the 2nd ward | 386 votes |
| Ira Clark rec'd in the 3d ward | 613 votes |
| Ira Clark rec'd in the 4th ward | 508 votes |
| Total, | 1734 votes |
| James Gopsill rec'd in the 1st ward | 228 votes |
| James Gopsill rec'd in the 2nd ward | 182 votes |
| James Gopsill rec'd in the 3d ward | 311 votes |
| James Gopsill rec'd in the 4th ward | 360 votes |
| Total, | 1081 votes |
| Isaac Van Saun rec'd in the 1st ward | 61 votes |
| Isaac Van Saun rec'd in the 2nd ward | 205 votes |
| Isaac Van Saun rec'd in the 3d ward | 316 votes |
| Isaac Van Saun rec'd in the 4th ward | 152 votes |
| Total, | 734 votes |
| Peter D. Vroom rec'd in the 1st ward | 11 votes |
| Peter D. Vroom rec'd in the 2nd ward | 3 votes |
| Peter D. Vroom rec'd in the 3d ward | 10 votes |
| Peter D. Vroom rec'd in the 4th ward | 11 votes |
| Total, | 35 votes |
| David Smith rec'd in the 1st ward | 55 votes |
| David Smith rec'd in the 3d ward | 2 votes |
| Total, | 57 votes |
| I Van Saun rec'd in the 2d ward | 1 vote |
| Jacob Rapp rec'd in the 3d ward | 1 vote |
| Thomas Bross rec'd in the 3d ward | 1 vote |
| Samuel Bridgart rec'd in the 4th ward | 12 votes |
| Total scattering votes | 15 |

## FOR WARD OFFICERS.

### FIRST WARD.

### For Aldermen.

George D. Lyman received two hundred and thirty eight votes
Abram S. Jewell received two hundred and twenty eight votes
John J Fields received sixty one votes
William Clarke received fifty six votes.
William Clark received two votes.
Wm. Clark received one vote.
Samuel R. Tirrell received one vote.
Samuel M. Hoffman rec'd one vote
M. Lee received one vote.
Jeremiah B. Cleveland received one vote.
Theophilus B. Hart received one vote.

### For Chosen Freeholders.

John Perrine rec'd two hundred and twenty-six votes
Jeremiah Mulford received two hundred and twenty-five votes.
David Henderson received sixty-four votes.
Benj. R, Wakeman received sixty-four votes.
Harvey M. Soule received one vote.
Jacob B. Scank received one vote.
D. Henderson received one vote.
Samuel A. French received one vote.
Jacob J. Banta received one vote.
John Smith received one vote.

### For Justices of the Peace.

Joseph Young rec'd two hundred and twenty eight votes.
Isaac S. Miller received two hundred and twenty-five votes.
I. S. Miller received one vote
Cornelius C. Martindale received fifty-six votes.
Morgan Nolan received fifty votes
Earle B. Sipple received one vote
David Smith received one vote
George W. Cassedy received one vote
Tom Smith rec'd one vote
Joseph H. Kemp rec'd one vote

### For Commissioner of Appeals.

Peter D. Vroom rec'd two hundred and twenty-six votes
Charles Scott rec'd sixty-seven votes
Ephram Pray rec'd one vote
Menzies R. Case rec'd one vote

### For Judges of Election.

Charles N. Betts rec'd two hundred and twenty-nine votes
John M. Young. senior, received two hundred and twenty-nine votes
Thomas W. Morehouse rec'd two hundred and twenty-nine votes
John C. Morgan rec'd fifty-seven votes
Frederick Grain, jr., rec'd sixty-one votes
John D. Nolan rec'd forty-eight votes
George W. Dempsey rec'd one vote
Sylvester Keeney rec'd one vote

Cornelius B. Traphagen rec'd one vote
Benjamin I. Haines rec'd one vote
William N. Beach rec'd one vote
John Ayres, jr., rec'd one vote

### For Ward Clerk.

William H. Tufts rec'd two hundred and twenty-two votes
James R. Tilley rec'd sixty-seven votes
Abram Van Riper rec'd one vote
John Warner rec'd one vote
Stephen H. Smith rec'd one vote

### For Surveyors of Highways.

John Perrine received two hundred and twenty-seven votes.
Ira Clark received two hundred and twenty-six votes
Frank Woolsey received sixty one votes.
Abraham Post received fifty nine votes.
Bernard Hughes received one vote.
James Fielder received one vote.
Mrs. Ash received one vote.
David Scott received one vote.
Ralph Page received one vote.

### For Constable.

Jonathan H. Baldwin received two hundred and twenty nine votes.
Jonathan Baldwin received sixty one votes.
John B. Davis received one vote

### For Pound Keeper.

John F. Brown received two hundred and twenty seven votes.
Mathew Kelly received forty six votes.
Moses H. Bean received two votes.
John Francisco received one vote.
John Smith received one vote.
D. S. Gregory Jr. received one vote.
Joseph Smith received one vote.

## SECOND WARD.

### For Aldermen,

Alexander Wilson received one hundred and ninety eight votes
Matthew Erwin received one hundred and ninety eight votes
Jeremiah B. Cleveland received one hundred and eighty six votes
Theophilus P. Hart received one hundred and eighty eight votes
Matt Erwin rec'd one vote
George D. Lyman rec'd one vote
Abraham S. Jewell rec'd one vote
Lewis B. Cobb rec'd one vote
Henry E. Insley rec'd one vote

### For Chosen Freeholders.

Hugh McComb rec'd one hundred and ninety seven votes
Francis Jenkins rec'd one hundred and ninety nine votes
Samuel A French rec'd one hundred and eighty seven votes
Jacob J. Banta rec'd one hundred and eighty-one votes
John Perrine rec'd one vote
Jeremiah Mulford rec'd one vote
William Sanderson rec'd one vote
Nehemiah Knapp rec'd one vote

### For Justices of the Peace.

George E. Cutter rec'd fifty four votes
Joseph A. Kemp rec'd one hundred and seventy six votes
David Scott rec'd two hundred and thirtythree votes
Michael C. Smith rec'd one hundred and ninety six votes
William B. Shotwell rec'd one vote
Joseph Young rec'd one vote
William Bavier rec'd one vote
Elisha Savage rec'd one vote
Enos C McDouel rec'd one vote
M. C. Smith rec'd one vote
Joseph Young rec'd one vote
Isaac S. Miller rec'd one vote
William S. Dickinson rec'd one vote
William C. Morris rec'd one vote
Alpheus W. Camp received one vote.
John Jackman received one vote.

### For Judges of Election.

John Wilson recd. one hundred and ninty-nine votes.
Benjamin Brady received one hundred and ninty-nine votes.
Joseph P. Skillman received one hundred and ninty-eight votes.
Charles N. Betts received one vote.
John M. Young, Sr., received one vote.
Thomas W. Morehouse received one vote.
John B. Haight received one vote.
Robert S. Gilman received one vote.
Jacob Membert received one vote.
E. F. C. Young received one vote.
Hugh McComb received three votes.
Joshua French received three votes.
John C. Robbins received three votes.
Benjamin Haines received one hundred and eighty-four votes
William M. Beach received one hundred and eighty-four votes.
John Ayres rec'd one hundred and eighty-four votes
John Ayres, Sr., received three votes

### For Ward Clerk.

James Flemming, jr., rec'd two hundred and seven votes
Stephen H. Smith rec'd one hundred and seventy-seven votes
Benjamin Haines rec'd three votes
W. M Dunning rec'd one vote
Frederick Kissam rec'd one vote
William H. Tufts rec'd one vote

### For Constable.

James Wakefield rec'd one hundred and ninety-nine votes
Jahn P. Masseker rec'd one hundred and eighty-three votes
Jonathan H. Baldwin rec'd one vote
Charles J. Farley rec'd one vote

### For Pound Keeper.

Walter Lamb, Esq., received eight votes
Jeremiah B. Cleveland rec'd two votes
John H. Lyon rec'd one vote
Peter Dolan rec'd sixty-four votes
William Bumstead rec'd eleven votes
Joseph Smith rec'd one hundred and fifty-one
Stephen Simon rec'd one vote
Selah Hill rec'd one vote

T. T. Banta rec'd one vote
G. E. Cutter rec'd one vote
Jeremiah B. Cleveland rec'd one vote
Moses H Bean rec'd one vote
T. Cleveland rec'd one vote

### For Commissioner of Appeals.

Menzies R Case rec'd one hundred and eighty-four votes
Benjamin O. Edge rec'd one hundred and ninety-nine votes
David Scott rec'd three votes
Edmund W. Kingland rec'd one vote

### For Surveyors of Highways.

David Scott rec'd one hundred and fifty-nine votes
Ralph Page rec'd one hundred and eighty-five votes
Joseph A. Kemp rec'd one vote
John Drayton rec'd two hundred votes
William Bumstead rec'd one hundred and ninety-nine votes
John Ward rec'd one vote
Jacep Rapp rec'd one vote
George Ford rec'd one vote

## THIRD WARD.

### For Alderman.

Lewis B Cobb rec'd three hundred and twenty-four votes
Henry E Insley rec'd three hundred and twenty-two votes
John H Low rec'd two hundred and ninety-five votes
William R Drayton rec'd three hundred and one votes
William Pearsall rec'd five votes
Selah Hill rec'd one vote
John I. Fields rec'd two votes
William Clark rec'd two votes
Samuel R Tyrrell rec'd one vote
Samuel M Hoffman rec'd one vote
Clement M Hancox rec'd one vote
J B Cleveland rec'd one vote
T P Hart rec'd one vote
C T Hancox rec'd one vote
Sylvester Keeny rec'd one vote
G D Lyman rec'd one vote
A S Jewell rec'd one vote
Alexander Wilson rec'd one vote
Matthew Erwin rec'd one vote
Charles T Betts rec'd one vote
Samuel Hoffman rec'd one vote
William R Drayton rec'd one vote

### For Chosen Freeholders

William Sanderson rec'd two hundred and ninety-five votes
Nehemiah Knapp rec'd three hundred and seventeen votes
Charles M Holmes rec'd three hundred and twelve votes
William Pearsall rec'd three hundred and six votes
Edward Hope rec'd four votes
Patrick Corrigan rec'd three votes
David Henderson rec'd two votes
Benjamin R Wakeman rec'd two votes
Harvey M Soule rec'd one vote
Jacob B Seanck received two votes
Samuel A French rec'd one vote
J J Banta rec'd one vote
William Gaul rec'd one vote
William Roosevelt rec'd two votes
Tom Hier rec'd one vote
C M Holmes rec'd one vote
John Perrine rec'd one vote
Jeremiah Mulford rec'd one vote
Sanderson rec'd one vote
Francis Jenkins rec'd one vote
Hugh McComb rec'd one vote

### For Justices of the Peace.

William L Dickinson rec'd three hundred and three votes
Alpheus W Camp rec'd three hundred and eight votes
Wm C Mrrris rec'd three hundred and eighteen votes
John Jackman rec'd three hundred and five votes
Isaac Van Saun rec'd one hundred and twenty-four votes
Elisha C Savage rec'd three hundred and four votes
Phineas Bates rec'd one hundred and eighty-six votes
John S Mark rec'd six votes
Smith Mead rec'd seven votes
Lincoln Bates rec'd one vote
Thomas D Jordan rec'd six votes
John M Elliott rec'd seven votes
Cornelius .C Martindale rec'd two votes
Morgan Nolan rec'd two votes
Earle B. Sipple rec'd one vote
I. A. Kemp rec'd one vote
Davit Scott rec'd two votes.
Timothy McCarty rec'd one vote
Joseph Young rec'd one vote
Isaac S. Miller rec'd one vote
Michael C. Smith rec'd one vote.
W. F. Dickinson rec'd one vote
Earl B. Toppel rec'd one vote

### For Judges of Election.

John B. Haight rec'd three hundred and eleven votes
Robert S. Gillman rec'd three hundred and four votes
Jacob Membert rec'd three hundred and five votes
Thomas T. Lacy rec'd three hundred and thirteen votes
John S. Marks rec'd three hundred and four votes
Jeremiah Casey rec'd one hundred and eighty-seven votes
John McGuigan rec'd six votes
George Ford rec'd nine votes
Charles M. Hankins rec'd seven votes
Phileman D. Haight rec'd one hundred and fourteen votes
J. C. Morgan rec'd two votes
Frederick Grance, Jr., rec'd two votes
John D. Nolan rec'd one vote
George W. Dempsey rec'd one vote
Silvester Keeney rec'd one vote.
C. V. Traphagen rec'd one vote
Benjamin Haines rec'd one vote
William M. Beach rec'd one vote
John Ayres, Jr., rec'd one vote
David Bedford rec'd one vote
Williaim D. Garretson rec'd one vote
Josiah W. Topping rec'd two votes
Charles N. Betts rec'd one vote
John M. Young, Sr., rec'd one vote
John Wilson rec'd one vote
Benjamin Brady rec'd one vote
Thomas W Morehouse rec'd one vote
Joseph P. Skillman rec'd one vote
George Dempsey rec'd one vote

### For Ward Clerk.

Frederick Kissam rec'd three hundred and twenty-one votes.

Peter P. Post rec'd three hundred and one votes

A. Van Riper rec'd one vote

James Flemming, Jr., rec'd one vote

James K. Tilley rec'd two votes

S. H. Smith rec'd one vote

John A. Topping rec'd two votes

F. Kissam rec'd one vote

William H. Tufts rec'd one vote

### For Commissioner of Appeals.

Edmund W. Kingsland rec'd four hundred and thirty votes

James Schenck rec'd one hundred and ninety-five votes

Charles Scott rec'd two votes

Ephraim Pray rec'd one vote

Menzies R. Case received one vote

Pat Brady rec'd one vote

Peter D. Vroom rec'd one vote

Benjamin O. Edge rec'd one vote

John Smith rec'd one vote

### For Surveyors of Highways.

Jacob Rapp rec'd four hundred and twenty seven votes

George Ford rec'd three hundred and nineteen votes

Thomas D. Jordan rec'd two hundred and ninety six votes

John Corrigan rec'd one hundred and eighty seven votes

Thomas T. Lacey rec'd seven votes

Miles McCartin rec'd five votes

Frank Woolsey rec'd two votes

Abraham Post rec'd two votes

Bernard Huges rec'd two votes

James F. Fielder rec'd one vote

Ralph Page rec'd one vote

Edward Gough rec'd one vote

William H. Crawford rec'd one vote

John B. Haight rec'd one vote

John Drayton rec'd one voie

John Perrine rec'd one vote

Ira Clark rec'd one vote

William Bumstead rec'd one vote

William A. Crawfet rec'd one vote

### For Constable.

Charles J. Farley rec'd two hundred and ninety two votes

Thomas B Kissam rec'd three hundred and eighteen votes

George S. Gee rec'd six votes

P. F. Twire rec'd on vote

J. Baldwin rec'd two votes

J. B. Davis rec'd one vote

J. P. Massoker rec'd one vote

William Allen rec'd two votes

Jonathan H. Baldwin rec'd one vote

James Wakefield rec'd one vote

### For Pound Keeper.

John Y. Brown rec'd two hundred and ninety nine votes

Peter Dolan received one hundred and eighty five votes

John Smith rec'd twelve votes

Peter N. Horsley rec'd five votes

William H Travus rec'd one vote

John Wayne rec'd one hundred and one votes

James Gopsill rec'd one vote

Mathew Kelly rec'd two votes

John H. Low rec'd one vote

Willian Pearsall rec'd two votes

David S. Manners rec'd five votes

Selah Hill rec'd four votes

Frederick Spengeman rec'd one vote

John F. Brower rec'd one vote

George Ford rec'd one vote

Matthias Burbank rec'd two votes

Joseph Smith rec'd one vote

## FOURTH WARD.

### For Aldermen.

Samuel R Tyrrell rec'd three hundred and fifty votes

Samuel M. Hoffman rec'd three hundred and eighty nine votes

Clement M. Hancox rec'd one hundred and ninety six votes

Sylvester Keeney rec'd one hundred and forty eight votes

### For Chosen Freeholders.

Harvey M. Soule rec'd four hundred and eight votes

Andrew Anderson rec'd fifty eight votes

William Gaul rec'd one hundred and one votes

William Rosevelt rec'd one hundred and one votes

Jacob B Schanck rec'e three hundred and eighty one votes

Samuel Wescott rec'd seven votes

### For Judges of Election.

Josiah M. Topping rec'd one hundred and thirty-one votes

George W. Dempsey rec'd three hundred and eighty-seven votes

Sylvester Keeney rec'd three hundred and fifty votes

Cornelius V. Traphagen rec'd three hundred and fifty-one votes

William D. Garretson rec'd one hundred and thirty votes

Patrick Brady rec'd forty-nine votes

Thomas Wellwood rec'd fifty-three votes

David Bedford rec'd ninety-six votes

William Twilble rec'd one vote

### For Ward Clerk.

Abraham Van Riper rec'd three hundred and fifty-five votes

Daniel Soule rec'd fifty-seven votes

John A. Topping received one hundred and thirty votes

### For Justices of the Peace.

Earle B. Sipple rec'd four hundred and twenty-nine votes

Timothy McCarty rec'd one hundred and nine votes

Earl B. Simple rec'd one vote

### For Surveyors of Highways.

Bernard Hughes rec'd three hundred and eighty-two votes

James F. Fielder rec'd three hundred and fifty-six votes

Edward Gough rec'd one hundred and thirty-seven votes

Edward Hough rec'd twenty-six votes

William A. Crawford rec'd one hundred and eighty-five votes

### For Commissioner of Appeals.

Ephraim Pray rec'd three hundred and fifty-eight votes
Cornelius V. Traphagen rec'd sixty votes
Patrick Brady rec'd one hundred votes
William Gaul rec'd seven votes
John Cisco rec'd one vote

### For Constable.

John B. Davis rec'd three hundred and fifty-two votes
William Allen rec'd one hundred and eighty-nine.

### For Pound Keeper.

John Smith rec'd two hundred and twenty-five votes
Mathias Burbanks rec'd one hundred and seventy six votes
John H. Smyth rec'd twenty-six votes
Ephraim Pray rec'd one vote
James Tilden rec'd one vote
John Fielderly rec'd one vote
Otto Erend rec'd one vote
Otto Burbash rec'd one vote
John Francisco rec'd seventy votes
Samuel Tyrrell rec'd one vote
George W. Dempsey rec'd one vote

We do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and correct statement of the result of the election above mentioned, as the same is exhibited by the statements produced and laid before the Board of City Canvassers, according to law; and that the same exhibits the number of the names of the voters in the poll books of the wards, respectively, and of the ballots rejected; the whole number of the names of the voters in the poll books of the several wards; the name of each person for whom any vote or votes were given; the number of votes given for each person in each ward; and the whole number of votes given for each person for each office designated for him; as they appear by the statements so produced and laid before the said Board.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.
H. A. Greene,
Chairman of Board of City Canvassers.
Geo. W. Cassedy,
Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

## A STATEMENT

Of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers, relative to an election held in Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, on the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, for the election of a Mayor, a Water Commissioner, a School Superintendent, a Collector, and two Assessors for the said city: and of two Aldermen, two Chosen Freeholders, one Commissioner of Appeals, three Judges of Election, one Constable, two Justices of the Peace, two Surveyors of Highways, one Ward Clerk, and one Pound Keeper, for each of the several wards in the said city.

The said Board do determine and declare that at the said election, the following named persons having received the highest number of votes for each of the offices above mentioned, were duly elected to the following named offices:

### CITY OFFICERS.

Mayor—Selah Hill.
Water Commissioner—Henry M. Traphagen.
School Superintendent—Charles Hoover.
Collector—Lorenzo Jaquins.
Assessors—Ira Clark, James Gopsil.

### FIRST WARD OFFICERS.

Aldermen—George D. Lyman, Abram S. Jewell.
Chosen Freeholders—Jonn Perrine, Jeremiah Mulford.
Commissioner of Appeals—Peter D. Vroom.
Justices of the Peace—Joseph Young, Isaac S. Miller.

Judges of Election,
Charles N. Batts, John M. Young, Senior,
Thomas W. Morehouse.

Ward Clerk—William H. Tufts.
Constable—Jonathan H. Baldwin.
Surveyors of Highways—John Perrine, Ira Clark.
Pound Keeper—John F. Brown.

### Second Ward Officers.

Aldermen—Alexander Wilson, Matthew Erwin.
Chosen Freeholders—Hugh McComb, Francis Jenkins.
Commissioner of Appeals—Benjamin O. Edge.
Judges of Election—John Wilson, Benjamin Brady, Joseph P. Skillman.
Justices of the Peace—David Scott, Michael C. Smith.
Ward Clerk—James Flemming, Jr.
Constable—James Wakefield.
Surveyors of Highways—John Drayton, William Bumstead.
Pound Keeper—Joseph Smith

### Third Ward Officers.

Aldermen Lewis B. Cobb, Henry E. Insley.
Chosen Freeholders—Nehemiah Knapp, Charles M. Holmes
Commissioner of Appeals—Edmund W. Kingsland.
Judges of Election—John B. Haight, Jacob Membert, Thomas T. Lacy.
Justices of the Peace—Alpheus W. Camp, William C. Morris.
Ward Clerk—Frederick Kissam.
Constable—Thomas B. Kissam.
Surveyors of Highways—Jacob Rapp, George Ford.
Pound Keeper—John Y. Brown.

### Fourth Ward Officers.

Aldermen—Samuel R. Tyrrell, Samuel M. Hoffman.
Chosen Freeholders—Harvey M. Soule, Jacob B. Schanck.
Commissioner of Appeals—Ephraim Pray.
Judges of Election—George W. Dempsey, Sylvester Keeney, Cornelius V. Traphagen.
Justices of the Peace—Earl B. Sipple, Timothy McCarthy.
Ward Clerk—Abraham Van Riper.
Constable—John B. Davis.
Surveyors of Highways—Bernard Hughes, James F. Fielder.
Pound Keeper—John Smith.

We do certify that the foregoing is a true, full, and correct statement of the determination of the Board of City Canvassers therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. H. C. GREENE,
Chairman of Board of Aity Canvassers.
Geo. W. Cassedy, Clerk of Board of City Canvassers.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, April 17, 1855.

Present—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Ald. Gardner was absent at the calling of the roll, but subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Low and Whitlock

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 3d, 1855, were read and approved.

Petitions, communications, etc, were presented and disposed of as follows:

Petition of George Almont and others to have nineteen feet of Railroad avenue, regulated on the south side from Prospect to Warren street, etc. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of James Harrison for permission to lay down a sidewalk eight feet wide on the east side of Grove street between South 3d and South 4th streets. Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of Bernard Hughes and others to have Bay street, between Grove and Prospect streets filled up, etc Ref. to committee on streets.

Petition of John Van Vorst and others to have removed the engine house in South 5th street. Ref. to committee on fire and water.

Remonstrance of Lorin Brooks and others, against the laying of an eight feet side walk on the easterly side of Grove street. Received and laid upon the table.

Communication from Robert C. Bacot, resigning the office of city surveyor. Received and ordered filed.

On motion of Ald. Thompson, the rules of order were suspended to enabled him to present some resolutions, and the following resolutions were presented and disposed of as follows:

Resolved, That the finance committee be and is hereby authorized to borrow for the use of the city, five thousand dollars, at 7 per cent interest, and for such time as may be found convenient, not to exceed five years, and that his honor the Mayor, and the city clerk be requested to issue, and sign a bond or bonds for the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald Cleveland, Davenport, Green, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge Gardner, Low and Whitlock.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Grooby for eight dollars and thirty nine cents, being the amount paid into City Treasury, by him, under a mistake, for assessment on lot 144 Prospect street, on Block 53, for filling Morgan street between Warren and Prospect streets, sold at corporation sale of February 15th 1855, in the name of Mr. Donnelly. The resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Grooby for eighteen dollars and eighty five cents, being the amount paid into the City Treasury, by him under a mistake, for assessment on his lot 142 Prospect street on block 53, for filling Warren street, between Warren and Prospect streets, sold February 15th 1855. The resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and requested to execute under their hands and the corporate seal of the city, and deliver to each one of the purchasers at the assessment sale by the corporation of Jersey City on the fifteenth day of February eighteen hundred and fifty five, a declaration of sale for each piece of property purchased by him at such sale. The resolution was adopted.

(Ald. Thompson obtained leave and retired.)

A petition was presented from Joseph B Conkling asking for a license to peddle fish, fruit and vegetables. Prayer of petitioner granted.

(Ald. Gardner obtained leave and retired.)

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows:

Of John Ryan, $5; John Somers, $10; Charles Kane, $3; Charles Somers, $16 33; John Eyly, $5 25; Bernard McGinnis, $3 12; William Griffing, $5 25; Thomas Tobin, $5 25; Michael Brogan, $2 50; Michael Kiblen, $3; Edgar Morris, $3 27; S. Mead, $20; Wm. Moore, $28 75; J. F. Fielder & Co., $1 88; J. F. Fielder & Co., $71 84; John O'Connell, $10 62; John Wallace, $15; Alexander Arbuckle, $13 75; Alexander Love, $4; Daniel Keenan, $2157 78 and Bacot & Wood, $60. Ref. to committee on streets.

Of A. Van Riper, $9 50; Officers of Election in Second Ward, $35 50; Board of City Canvassers and Clerk of said Board, $49 50; H. H. Fenn, $200; C. H. Winfield, $8; Daily Telegraph, $112 50; W. D. Stivers. $1 22, and Judges of Election in 4th ward, $24. Ref. to committee on salaries, offices and elections.

Of E. S. Weed, $26,74: and W. J. Stevens $17,50 ref. to committee on fire and water.

Of Water Commissioners,$2,50; McGuigan & Nugent $1; J. V Metlar $23,56; C. M. Holmes, $3,50: Ingham & Hall $3; M. Sharp $266,44; and Kemp & Ward $302,64 ref. to committee on Alms.

Of I. W. Scuddder $166,01; and R K Terry $100. ref to committee on laws and ordinances.

Of J. F. Richardson, $8; and $4 25. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of J. F. Richardson, $4 50 Ref. to committee on public grounds and buildings

Of Daily Telegraph, $386 75. Ref. to committee on finance.

The annual report of the Board of Education was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the corporation paper.

A report by the chief engineer of the fire department, on the condition of that department, was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the corporation paper.

Communications were presented from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, announcing the following elections, resignations, and expulsions in that Department.

Election of James Linkroum. Stephen Witherel, Royeton J. Tilden, Peter H. Wood, and Elison Duncan by Hook and Ladder Co. No 2.

Resignation of T. R. Rodgers from Hook and Ladder No. 1; of R. Doe, M. Smith, J. White, and R. Tajonera from Engine Co. No. 3; of Peter G. Houghtaling from Hose Co. No. 3; and of Charles Cook from Hose Co. No. 1.

Expulsion of Moses B. Hessdoffer and James Robertson by Hose Co. No. 1.

Communications received; elections approved, the names ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued; the proper entries of the resignations to be made; and the names of the expelled members to be stricken from the roll of the Fire Department.

The committee on streets presented two sealed proposals received by them to do the corporation surveying during the coming corporation year.

On motion of Ald. Hill the proposals were received and opened. They were found to be from Isaac B. Culver, and Stephen Quaife, and accompanied by bonds for the faithful performance of the work.

On motion of Ald. Hill it was Resolved, That said proposals be referred to the committee on streets with instructions to engraft the lowest proposal in an ordinance defining the duties and prescribing the compensation of the surveyors.

Ald. Hill presented the following entitled ordinances, all of which were laid upon the table, viz.

"An ordinance defining the duties and prescribing the compensation of the city surveyors."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in, regulating, laying bridge stone cross walks, and side walks, eight feet wide, where the same has not already been done, on the easterly side of Grove street, between Newark avenue and Pavonia avenue."

"An ordinance to provide for filling in regulating, paving, curbing, guttering, and laying bridge stones at all the intersections, and side walks four feet wide in South Seventh street, between Jersey avenue and Newark avenue."

"An ordinance to suppress vice and immorality."

On motion of Ald White, it was

Resolved, That the city clerk be requested to notify the commissioners appointed to estimate and assess the cost of building a sewer in South 5th street, to proceed with the work, as the money required to be deposited, has been placed in the hands of the chairman of committee on sewers, to be by him, deposited in the city treasury.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued under the direction of the committee of finance, in favor of Chas. A. Tanner, for twenty-three hundred dollars; being an additional amount as reported by city surveyors, due on his contract for regulating Prospect street from Bay street to Pavonia avenue, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an improvement certificate or certificates be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan, for fourteen hundred and thirty-eight dollars and fifty-two cents, two-thirds of the amount of his bill for regulating Van Vorst street, from Grand street to Gregory street, and that his honor the mayor be requested to sign the same, and the city clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Ald. Davenport offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That an improvement certificate be issued, under the direction of the committee on finance, in favor of Daniel Keenan for twenty two hundred dollars, being two thirds of the amount reported by city surveyor as completed for regulating South fifth street from Erie st., to Brunswick street, and that his honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same, and the City Clerk be directed to affix the seal of the city thereto.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

Ald. Rappleyea offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an appropriation of seventy-five dollars be made to No. 3 Engine Company, for the purpose of purchasing a new hose carriage.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Cleveland, the ordinance presented and laid upon the table on the 20th February, 1855, entitled "An ordinance for the suppression of intemperance."

The ordinance was amended, and the title of the ordinance so amended as to read, "An ordinance to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks"

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater and White.

Nay—Ald. Tyrrell.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Davenport the claim of Robert Gilchrist for searches in the county clerk's office in the matter of opening Montgomery street, $20 16; was taken from the table and ordered paid.

Requisitions were presented from the Board of Education for payment of the following claims, viz:

Of A. Anderson, $75; Anthony & Ford, $1 80; G. W Wilson, $3 27; Mrs. Gilley, $4 50; Isaac Wakefield, $14 08; Keeney & Halliday, $5 38; and Samuel Ashcroft, $7 49.

Warrants for the amounts were ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of the parties named.

A requisition was presented from the Board of Education for payment of salaries of teachers in the public schools for the quarter ending May 1st 1855, amounting to $2050; and a warrant for the amount was ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Albert T. Smith, chairman of finance committee of the Board of Education.

The following claims were presented, referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and ordered paid.

Of Wm. Good, $1 25 ; S. Randle, $11 64 ; $4 81 ; and $8 13 ; E D Reily, $1 62; R. S. Gillman $175; G. W. Cassedy, $187 50 ; J. F. Richardson, $31 ; W Eaton, $20 50 ; J. F. Richardson, $2 75 ; and H. Billingsley, $26.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid.

Of G W. Dempsey, $5 75 ; W. Whitley, $33 38 ; Luther A. Pratt & Co. $3 ; Capron & DeKlyn, $51 82 ; E. Hope Jr. $3 ; Archer Hagan, $11 88 ; and John Crummey, $44 16.

The committee on alms reported that the claims of J. Sylvester, $14 36, referred to them on the 6th February last, has been paid. The report was accepted.

The committee on lamps, to whom was referred on the 20th March last, the petition of Thomas McGee and others, to have a lamp and post erected on the corner of Coles and South 2d street, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The committee on lamps, to whom was referred in the 20th February last, the petition of Charles T. Betts and others, to have a lamp placed in the north west corner of Barrow and Bright streets, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners. The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the ordinance entitled "An ordinance declaring nuisances," presented on the 20th June last, was taken up for consideration.

The ordinance was amended and as amended was passed by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney Rappleyea, Slater, Tyrrell and White.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Low, Thompson and Whitlock.

On motion of Ald. Rappleyea the Board then adjourned. GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

Regular meeting, May 1st, 1855.

Present—All the members of the Board.

The minutes of the special meeting of the 16th ult. and the regular meeting of the 17th ultimo, were read and approved.

Petitions, Communications, etc, presented and disposed of as follows :

Petition of G. W. Myer, by E. B. Wakeman, Esq., his attorney, enclosing three certificates of sale of lots 17 and 28 Newark avenue, on block 47, bought at corporation sales of October, 1849, and August, 1850, and asking for leases of said lots.

Ref. to city attorney, with instructions to examine the matter, and if the petitioner is entitled to leases, to prepare the same, and present them to the Common Council for their action.

Communication from Andrew Anderson, stating, that he considered himself released from liability as surety of T. E. Johnson, on contract to do the carpenters work of the fourth ward school-house. Ref. to committee on laws and ordinances.

Petition of Francis R. Hill, to have the sunken lots in South Third st. filled up, &c. Laid upon the table

Official bond of Jonathan H. Baldwin, as constable Approved and ordered filed.

Claims and accounts were presented and disposed of as follows :

Of G. Morrow, $5 and $5 18. Ref. to committee on watch.

Of Wm. Whitley, $51 82 ; E. Hope, jr., $5 ; Wm. Whitley, $321 88 ; S. Billington, $6 ; and Hugh Reilly, $34 37. Ref. to committee on alms.

The following claims and accounts were presented referred to their appropriate committees, afterwards reported correct and order paid :

Of G. Morrow, 70 cts ; D. Bedford, $25 ; laborers on public streets, $196 39 ; G E Cutter, $9 50 : J. B. Stone. $25 ; J. Wandell, $31 25 ; J. Wandell, $31 25 ; G. Morrow. $3 38 ; H. Gilbert, $15 ; G. Morrow, $13 50 ; G. E. Cutter, $125 ; Fidelity division sons of Temperance, $37 50 ; R. D. McClelland. $87 50 ; J. H. Vondy. $50 ; G. Morrow. $8 75; T. Whalan. $2 ; W. A. Durrie, $200 ; N Ellis, $48 69 ; J. F. Richardson, $1 75 ; G. Morrow, $5 25 ; G. Morrow: $30 28 ; Isaac Wakefield, $13 51 ; W. Eaton, $20 50 ; J. F. Richardson. $31 ; G. Morrow, $31 95; H. Billingsly. $26 ; J. B. Dunn, $1 50 ; H. A. Miller. & Co. $134 86 ; T Newham, $27 50 ; J. F. Richardson, $8 25 ; and city watchmen, $687 99.

The following claims referred to committees at previous meetings of the Board were reported correct and ordered paid :

Of J. F. Fielder & Co. $1 87; J. Ryan. $5; C.Kane. $3 ; J. F. Fielder & Co. $71 84 : J. Wallace, $15 ; E. Morris, $3 27 ; B. Maginness, $3 12 ; M. Brogan $2 50 ; A. Arbuckle, $13 75 : M. Keblen, $3 ; A Love, $4 ; S. Mead, $20 ; J. O'Connell, $10 62 ; W. Griffiing $5 25 ; T. Tobin, $5 25 ; J. Eyly, $5 25 ; C. Somers, $16 33 ; J. Somers, $10 ; J. Richardson, $4 50; H. H Fenn. $200; Daily Telegraph, $112 50: W. J. Stevens, $117 50 ; M. Sharp $14 50 ; E. S. Weed, $26 74 ; Water commissioners. $2 50 ; C W. Holmes, $3 50 ; Ingham & Hall. $3 ; M. Sharp $266 44 : J. F. Richardson, $4 25 : J. F Richardson $8 ; McGuigan & Nugent, $1 ; Kemp & Ward, $302 64; and Jersey city cemetry company, $100 50.

A communication was presented from his honor the Mayor, announcing the suspension of James McDonald a city watchman, on a charge made by the captain of the watch, of neglect of duty. Ref. to committee on watch.

The following message from his honor the Mayor, filed in the city clerk's office, on the 28th ultimo, was laid before the Board by the City Clerk, read, received, and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the Common Council.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, April 27, 1855.

*To the Honorable the Common Council :*

Gentlemen—I return the ordinance entitled " an ordinance to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks" without my approval. It is not necessary, and posibly it would be improper in this connection, to present my own views upon the question of intemperance and its prevention, which has engaged the attention of so many wise and good men throughout our country, but I deem it sufficient for the present purpose to state, that in my judgment according to the true interpretation of the Charter, (in which I am borne out by the opinion of eminent jurists) portions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with that instrument.

The original draft of the present charter submitted to the Legislature by the convention which framed it, conferred upon the Mayor and Common Council authority "to license, regulate or prohibit inns or taverns, victualing houses, retailers of ardent spirits, porter houses &c." The Legislature, however, refused to confer this power, and struck out all relating to victualing houses, porter houses, and retailers of ardent spirits, and strictly confined the authorities, with reference to the sale of intoxicating drinks, to the *licensing or prohibition of Inns or Taverns.*

Under this state of the case, first the Common Council elected under the new Charter, found they had no control over the sale of intoxicating drinks apart from Inns and Taverns, and that it wa indiscriminately sold throughout the city, subjectonly to the provisions and penalties of the state law. The subject was freely discussed by our citizens, as well as by the Council of which I had the honor to be a member ; and it was deemed necessary to have an amendment to the charter, in order that the powers of the authorities with regard to the sale of intoxicating drinks should not be so limited, and an amendment, among others, was accordingly duly prepared and certified under the corporate seal of the city, which was submitted to the Legislature, and which would have met the difficulties under which we do now labor.

After this amendment was ordered printed by the Legislature, the words " *to prohibit*" were inserted by some unauthorized party—or by the Legislature, for some cause unknown to a majority of the then Common Council ; and the power sought to regulate the entire sale of spirituous liquors, was again taken away, and thus became a law ; and reads as follows :

" To license, regulate or prohibit Inns and Taverns, and *to prohibit* all traffic in, or sale of, intoxicating drink or drinks."

It will thus be seen that the authorities are only vested with power to license *Inns or Taverns,* and *to prohibit* the sale of intoxicating drinks elsewhere than in those places.

The ordinance now under consideration, however, (as I deem in direct contravention of the charter.) proposes that the city shall purchase liquors and dispose of them at retail by means of its own appointed agents, for certain purposes, etc. This clearly cannot be done, but every ordinance passed referring to the sale of intoxicating drinks, except Inns or Taverns *must be prohibitory.* In this view I have been sustained by your predecessors.—In 1853. an ordinance on this subject was returned to the Common Council by me, on the ground that it permitted other parties than the keepers of Inns or Taverns to sell intoxicating drinks, whereas we had only authority to license such, and prohibit all others. Another ordinance was thereupon framed, with this objectionable feature stricken out, which was approved by me,and is now in full force,and it is so far prohibitory as to *exclude even Inns or Taverns.* unless *nine members of the Common Council* shall vote to grant licenses to them.

In my judgement, the agents to be appointed by virtue of this ordinance, would be clearly indictable every occasion where intoxicating drinks are thus sold, unless perhaps your Honorable Body should enact specially that the places where such agents are to sell the liquors for the city shall be declared Inns or Taverns; and it is very questionable whether ever a declaratory law to that effect, passed by your Honorable Body would override the common sense of the community, or pass the ordeal of judicial scrutiny.

There is, however, another objectionable feature in the ordinance, which, though perhaps not carrying much legal weight, may, as it ought to, have its influence in determining your future action, when it shall be reconsidered. If the intention is *real*, there is evidence of great neglect in this essential point, that while provision has been made for the *sale* of liquors, there has been none made for their *purchase.* (except by the Mayor and Common Council, as a Body; and your Honorable Body could scarcely have intended that the entire Common Council of Jersey City, headed by its Mayor, should jointly make the purchase under this ordinance, and yet no other parties *could* purchase without some further special Legislation. Surely it is as necessary that the services of good judges should be engaged to *purchase* as those of faithful agents to *sell.* Nor is there any limitation as to the quality, quantity or price of the liquors to be purchased, which it will be seen is another fatal omission; for serious evils might be entailed on the community by diseases engendered by the uses of adulterated liquors, unwholesome and poisonous compounds; and in all such cases it is questionable if the city might not be compelled to respond in damages.

I have thus, gentlemen, pointed you to the powers conferred by the Charter, upon which all legal ordinances must be based—to the ordinance now in force, as well as to those provisions in the ordinance before me, which contravene the charter; and in doing so I have only performed a simple duty which I owe to the Charter and my conscience.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Cleveland moved "That the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Gardner, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Slater, and White—9.

Nays—Ald. Edge, Low, Rappleyea, Thompson, Tyrrell, and Whitlock.—6.

The following Message from his Honor the Mayor filed in the city clerk's office on the 30th ult. was laid before the board by the city clerk,read, received,and ordered to be entered at large on the journal of proceedings of the common council:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, April 30, 1855.

*Gentlemen of the Common Council.*

I return without my approval "an ordinance declaring nuisances."

This ordinance is so sweeping in its definition of the word "nuisance" and would operate with such manifest injustice and inequality, that I cannot in refusing to give it my sanction, but feel that it has been passed without a due consideration of the consequences which it would entail upon our citizens

By the first and second sections of this ordinance, all sunken lots which are or may be covered with stagnant water—all sinks, cespools, privies, excavations, emitting noxious odors, or smells, all hog pens, all horses, goats, hogs and quadrupeds of every kind found running at large in the city, are declared to be nuisances.

The third section declares, that any person or persons, that shall commit or omit any of the acts, the commission or omision of which are hereinbefore declared to be nuisances, he, she, or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every offence five dollars.—Now it will be seen that this section does not in all cases apply to the owner or owners of the sunken lots, animals, &c., declared nuisances under this ordinance, but to the person or persons that shall commit or omit any of the acts above named, which surely could not have been the intention of your honorable body, and if it was the intention to impose the fine on the owner or owners aforesaid, it should have been so expressed; you must all be aware that we have ordinances now in force, with stringent provisions providing for the impounding of all animals found running at large in the city, as well as for cleaning and renovating all sinks, cespools, privies, &c.

This declaring every lot below the grade within the limits of the city, upon which water may accumulate and become stagnant a *nuisance*, is in my judgment unwise, and unjust; the peculiar locality of our city, with so large a portion of low and flat ground, although the most of it sufficiently dry and elevated above the tide, for building purposes, much of it is below the established grade, and when the authorities cause the streets to be filled to the grade, they create an artificial basin or reservoir, and without providid proper sewers or drains, they will fill with water from rain, and other causes, and in a short time in warm weather, the water will become stagnant, and the lots covered with water by the acts of the corporation, are declared nuisances, and the parties that created such a nuisance are liable to the penalties under this ordinance. In my judgment, in a city situated as is our own where the ground is sufficiently high for building purposes, the sewers should be constructed, and in all cases be kept in advance of filling and grading the streets, and if this course was adopted our citizens would cheerfully incur the expense for any such permanent improvement, and would thereby, be relieved from the fines to be imposed by this ordinance.

I fully agree with your honorable body in the necessity for the adoption of proper measures to preserve the health of our city, and trust that a reconsideration of this subject will induce your honorable body to modify the ordinance so as to be just in its operation, without being oppressive.

I therefore return the ordinance for reconsideration.

D. S. MANNERS.

Ald. Edge moved "that the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor."

The motion was rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken:

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Greene and Hill.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

The city clerk presented reports of publication of the following entitled corporation notices, viz:

"Application to have the side walk on the easterly side of Grove street, laid eight feet wide, or so much as has not already been laid between Newark ave. and Pavonia avenue."

"Application to have South Third street, between Prospect street and Newark avenue improved, etc"

"Application to have Jersey street, from the north side of Grand street to Mercer street, paved or to meet the pavement already done, etc."

"Application to have South Seventh street between Jersey and Newark avenues regulated &c.

Reports received and ordered filed.

The City Treasurer's reports for March and April 1855; shows a balance of $2,167,75, in the treasury on the 1st May instant, were presented and referred to the committee on finance.

A communication was presented from the city treasurer stating that Ald White has deposited in the city treatury the sum of seventy dollars on account of contemplated sewer in South Fifth street.—Communication received and ordered filed.

The annual report of the overseer of the poor, was presented, received, and ordered to be published in the minutes.

Said report being as follows:

*To the Honorable the Common Council of Jersey City:*

Gentlemen—The Overseer of the Poor respectfully reports the accompanying statement and statistics, for the year ending April 30th, 1855, from which it will appear that five hundred and fourteen adults and one thousand and seventy one children have received groceries from the alms house store, and four hundred families have received coal, showing a large increase over any former year within our knowledge: caused by business being paralyzed all ver the country, which was not actual pauperism, ut were distressed for the want of employment. was invariably the case with all able and industrious applicants, who said, "if we had work we would not trouble you;" and then, there is another class of applicants who are habitual drunkards, who, through their intemperate way of living and neglecting their families, have to be supported by the city, or their little ones must suffer, which goes to show your honorable body the great necessity of a work house under the supervision of the Common Council of Jersey city. Every gentleman will see at once the result and benefit it will be to the city—it will cause men to labor who otherwise would not except for liquor; the proceeds of their labor will go to support them and their families. It is almost needless to inform your honorable body, that the expenditure has exceeded the appropriation over three thousand dollars.

I feel it my duty, and with pleasure, to state, that the city have had a great auxilliary in the benevolent portion of our citizens, by forming themselves into committees in the different wards to raise donations for the relief of the poor, which saved for the city a large amount of money. The gentlemen and more particularly the chairman of each committee, with the christian like Rev. W. Verrinder as their almoner deserves the thanks of the community at large.

The expenses of the department are as follows:

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| Donations of groceries, - | $3232 53 |
| " coal - - - | 1429 75 |
| " shoes - - - | 35 00 |
| Interments - - - | 183 00 |
| Children at nurse - - - | 50 00 |
| Transportation of paupers - | 32 00 |
| Total - | 4962 28 |

In the distribution of the charities of the city, I have acted with a view to the best interests of all concerned, in an economical destribution of the public money in relieving the pressing necessities of the distressed, and in this course I hope I have the approbation of the honorable Mayor and Common Council, and the community in general.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITLEY, overseer of the poor.

Jersey City, April 30, 1855.

The superintendent of the Alms-house most respectfully presents to your honorable body, his annual report for the year ending April 30th, 1855.

The whole number of persons admitted from May 1st, 1854, to April 30th, 1855, inclusive of which number they were:

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| Natives of United States - - - | 12 |
| " England - - | 4 |
| " Ireland - - | 221 |
| " Scotland - - | 2 |
| " Germany - - | 3 |
| Total - | 242 |

The following is a statement of the admission, discharges, and during the year, exhibiting the number of males, females and children for the same period:

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| Male adults - - - - - | 52 |
| Female adults - - - - - | 62 |
| Children - - - - - | 128 |
| Total - | 242 |

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|---|---|
| Discharged male adults | 32 |
| " Female adults | 41 |
| " Children | 69 |
| Total | 142 |

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| Adopted children | 15 |
| Deaths male adults | 7 |
| " Female | 4 |
| " Children | 6 |
| Total | 17 |

Remaining in the house 68.

Casual relief in the house 162 transient persons.

The expenses of the department within the above period are as follows:

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| Groceries | $1129 37 |
| Dry goods | 328 00 |
| Feed for cow | 126 00 |
| Shoes | 68 00 |
| Soap | 31 00 |
| Interment | 17 00 |
| Total | 1689 37 |

Goods on hand, valued at $265.

Total expenditure for the year $6651 55.

It is with great satisfaction I have to state to your honorable body that the health of the inmates of the institution have been very good this year, although we have had the most alarming of all diseases, the small pox, with great care it did not spread further than the quarantine house. Also, we have had some of the worst kind of fever cases, &c. Persons have been taken from the street without any home and taken care of. It is almost an every day occurrence for hungry poor, more or less, to call at the alms-house and be fed and directed to their legal place of residence, in many cases sent at the expense of the city.

The new building erected, and a part of the same appropriated for the nursery, the number of children has increased so rapidly, the room will not contain them, they have to sleep three and some four in a bed, which will I am afraid cause some disease among them, particularly in warm weather, therefore, I would call the attention of the committee to the same, the room can be enlarged at a small expense. The more I prove the store in dealing out the provisions instead of orders, it is more convincing proof that the poor are greatly benefited by the same; the past year has been a trying one, the labor has been great in the extreme.

The children are doing well and improving in their habits, they go to public school No 1, and they improve in learning very much, on the sabbath, the good lady Mrs. John Cassdey, as superintendent, has school at the alms-house, and the Rev. Mr Verrinder preaches for us regularly on Sunday evening also, visits occasionally through the week.

Your worthy committee, Ald. Slater, as chairman, has provided all things necessary for the comfort and happiness of the inmates and all concerned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WHITLEY, superintendent

Jersey city, April 30, 1855.

Communications were presented from the chief engineer of the fire department, announcing the following elections and resignations in that deparment, viz:

Election by Aresseoh Engine Co. No. 2, of Cornelius C. Martindale.

Election by Hercules Engine Co. No. 3, of Thomas W. Morehouse, Joseph Quaife, James F. Fielder, and Isaac F. Frazee.

Resignation from Protective Engine Co No. 5, of John D. Frasier.

On motion of Ald. Edge, it was

Resolved, That the communications be received, the elections approved, the names ordered to be enrolled, and the usual certificates of membership to be issued; and the proper entry of the resignation to be made in the roll book of the fire department.

The quarterly report of the captain of the city watch, was presented, received, and ordered filed.

The committee on streets presented sealed proposals received by them for regulating York street between Henderson and Jersey streets, for regulating Jersey street between Mercer and Grand streets; and for painting and erecting street signs throughout the city.

The proposals were opened, read, and found to be from the following named persons, viz:

For regulating York street, from Henderson to Jersey street, from James F. Fielder & Co., James S. Bishop, Charles G. Sisson, Hugh Keenan, Patrick McPheirlin and Wm A. Cumming, all the proposals being accompanied by bonds except Wm. A. Cummings

For the regulation of Jersey street from Mercer to Grand street, James F. Fielder & Co, P. McPheirlin, David Henderson, George Gragan and Wm. A. Cummings, all of the proposals being accompanied by bonds except Wm. A. Cummings.

For painting and erecting signs, from Ira Clark and from Edward D. Reily.

The proposals were referred to the committee on streets, with authority to make a contract with the lowest bidder for each of the said works.

The committee on lamps, reported adversely to granting the prayer of petitioners to have a lamp and post erected on the south east corner of Gregory and Henderson streets, asked for in their petition referred to said committee on the 19th December last. Report received.

(Ald. Edge and Gardner retired)

Ald. Low offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the street commissioner be requested to hand in his account and pay into the city treasury, all moneys collected in the discharge of his office.

On motion of Ald. Hill, the resolution was laid upon the table.

Ald. Thompson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the finance committee be and is hereby authorized to borrow five thousand dollars for the purpose of taking up a city bond of a like amount which became due at the Hudson Co. Bank on the 27th inst. The above amount to be borrowed for three months at the rate of 7 per. ct. interest and that his honor the mayor and city clerk be reqested to execute a bond for the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Low, Rappleyea, Slater Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald Edge and Gardner.

Ald. Greene offered the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas the contractors for the carpenters work on the school house in the Fourth ward have abandoned the work and the surities having refused to proceed with the same, therefore,

Resolved, That the joint committees on schools and public grounds and buildings, be authorized to advertise for proposals for the completion of said carpenters work on said school house according to the original plans and specifications, and be it further

Resolved, That the corporation attorney be directed to notify the surities Messrs A. Anderson and Wm. Keeney that they will be held liable for all damages that the city may sustain in their non-fulfillment of the original contract for carpenters work on the school house in the Fourth ward. The preamble and resolution was adopted.

Ald. Low retired.

On motion of Ald. Hill the petition of Francis R. Hill presented in the early part of this meeting was taken up for consideration, and Ald. Hill offered the following resolution in relation thereto :

Resolved, That the sunken lots situated on the north side of South 3d street, between Coles street and Jersey avenue, one hundred and fifty feet east of Coles street up to within one hundred and twenty five feet west of Jersey avenue, are hereby declared a nuisance, and when this resolution shall be approved by his honor the Mayor, the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish the notice presented in relation to filling sunken lots in the ordinance entitled an ordinance to provide for filling sunken lots, approved May 30th, 1854.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrrell, White and Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner and Low

The committee on streets, referred back the petition of Charles F. Betts and others to have sunken lots in Bright street, between Barrow street and Jersey avenue filled up, &c. Ref. to street committee on the 20th march last, and the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sunken lot situated on the south side of Bright street, between Barrow and Jersey streets, lying one hundred feet from Barrow street, are hereby declared to be a nuisance, and when this resolution shall be approved by his honor the Mayor, the city clerk is hereby directed to publish the notice prescribed for. in relation to sunken lots in the ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to provide for filling sunken lots." Approved, May 30, 1854.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken :

Yeas—The President, Ald. Cleveland, Davenport, Green, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrell, White, Whitlock.

Nays—None.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner, Low.

The committee on streets to whom was referred on the 17th ultimo, the petition of James Harrison for permission to lay down a side walk in Grove st., etc., under the direction of the Street Commissioner, presented a report recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. Report received and recommendation adopted.

Ald. Hill presented from the committee on streets the claim of Ira Clark for $200 ; for numbering the Houses in the city, which was referred to the committee on streets on the 3d ultimo, the claim being certified by Ald. Hill as correct.

Ald Hill moved "That the rules be suspended to enable the Board to receive the report and audit the bill."

The motion was adopted by the following vote, the yeas and nays having been ordered and taken on the call of Ald. White, Whitlock and Davenport.

Yeas—The President, and Ald. Cleveland, Greene, Hill, Keeney, Rappleyea, Slater and Tyrrell.

Nays—Ald. Davenport, Thompson, White and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Edge, Gardner and Low.

The rules were declared suspended, and the report received.

On motion of Alderman Thompson, the claim was recommitted to the committee on streets.

(Ald. Hill obtained leave and retired.)

On the motion of Ald Rappleyea it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Monday, the seventh instant, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P.M., at the Common Council chamber for the puspose of approving the minutes only.

On the motion of Ald. Rappleyea, the Board then adjourned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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Adjourned meeting at the Common Council Chamber, May 7th. 1855, at half-past seven o'clock. P. M.

Present.—The President, and Ald. Davenport, Edge, Gardner, Green, Hill, Keeny, Rappleyea, Slater, Thompson, Tyrell, White, and Whitlock.

Absent—Ald. Cleveland and Low.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Ald. Green offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Common Council are justly due, and are hereby tendered to John H. Lyon, Esq., for the punctual, able and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of this Board, during the past year.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Ald Green offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council be tendered to George W. Cassedy, Esq., for his prompt, faithful and efficient attention as City Clerk during the past year.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Ald. Green offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Common Council be, and are hereby tendered to Nathaniel Ellis, Esq., City Marshal, for the faithful and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past year.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Ald. Slater the Board then adjourned *sine die*.

GEO. W. CASSEDY, City Clerk.

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